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Rumours over unit closure quashed

HEALTH bosses have dismissed talk that Cannock Hospital's Minor Injuries Unit has closed after seeing a 30 per cent reduction in patient numbers.

They stressed the walk-in department, treating conditions such as minor breaks, burns and eye injuries, is still operational.

Staff believe rumours led to a sharp drop in visits the

to a sharp drop in visits the weekend before last.

The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) is run by the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust.

Team leader, sister Julie Spruce, said staff were very worried that people wrongly believed that the unit was closed.

She said: "This unit is run She said: Inis unit is run by exceptionally experi-enced, dedicated staff and it is vital that people realise we are here for them and are able to treat a range of injuries locally and very effi-ciently."

injuries locally and very efficiently."

The MIU is open from 8am until midnight every day, including over Christmas and New Year.

Cannock-based GP Dr Johnny McMahon, chairman of Cannock Chase Clinical Compressioning Grunn ical Commissioning Group, said: "The MIU is a great

said: "The MIU is a great resource.
"I realise there are major concerns about the future of the hospital and that under-standably seems to be at the root of some confusion."

Remains of deer found

AN investigation has been launched after deer remains were found on Cannock Chase. Wildlife campaigners believe the animals are being shot and butchered for expensive venison meat expensive venison meat

Fave Burton, of the Rural Policing Liaison Group, made the discovery at Shoal Hill. Police have launched a crackdown to tackle the issue of poachers.

Witnesses are asked to call police on 101.

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Sailing home for Christmas



From left, Royal Navy brothers Jami and Luke Clarke, of Rugeley, have been reunited in time for Christmas
Picture: Dave Sherfield

A RUGELEY man who has been serv-ing with the Royal Navy in Afghanistan has been reunited with his

istan has been reunited with his brother in arms in time for Christmas. Jamie Clarke, aged 20, has spent the last three months overseas maintaining the Sea King helicopters used by 857 Naval Air Squadron, based at RNAS Culdrose, in Cornwall. His 22-year-old brother Luke has been undergoing his 10-week initial naval training course at HMS Raleigh to also become a Royal Navy Air Tech-nician.

Jamie returned to be a guest at Luke's passing out parade, where the

former Hagley Park Sports College pupils were joined by their proud parents, Andy Clarke and Emma Smith, and their grandparents. Luke, who hopes himself to serve in Afghanistan one day, said: "Jamie and I haven't seen each other for about four months, so it's great to see him again."

Generations

Jamie joined the Royal Navy in 2009 and has been serving at Culdrose since qualifying as an Air Engineering Tech-nician. He said: "It's great to have Luke alongside me in the Navy." Service with the Royal Navy has run

Picture: Dave Sherfield in the family for generations. The brothers' granddad Paul Chappell joined in 1962 and spent 23 years maintaining aircrafts. He also served on board the aircraft carriers HMS Hermes and HMS Eagle. His wife Jean served as a leading Wren dental surgery attendant. Her middle name is Varangian, after the submarine her father was serving on at the time of her birth. Mr Chappell said they were both "extremely proud" of their grandsons. The brothers will return to duty in the New Year, after spending Christmas with the family.

By Kirsten Rawlins

A CORONER will rule next month on whether or not 90 pieces of gold and silver found in a field are part of the Staffordshire Hoard.

Archaeologists made the latest find at the same field where the biggest ever haul of Anglo-

> Some of the new items found at the Hoard site stolen it. This new finding, if it is part of the hoard, could change everything.

"If they found the items in a different location it doesn't sound like it was stolen after all."

gold and silver metalwork ever found.

Saxon gold was unearthed back in 2009.
The 90 items were found last month during a ploughing of the field in Hammerwich.

South South Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh will rule at an inquest on Friday, January 4, if the new pieces are part of the hoard and should be declared treasure. Experts from Staffordshire County Council and English Heritage believe the pieces could be another part of the original find. Staffordshire original find.

It has been three years It has been three years since Terry Herbert, a metal detector enthusiast from Burntwood, made the discovery. Archaeologists had been certain until now there was nothing else on site, which is owned by farmer Fred Johnson. all."

The newly-unearthed items include a helmet cheek piece, cross-shaped mount and eagle-shaped mount and were unveiled at a press conference in Stoke on Tuesday. Staffordshire County Council leader Philip Atkins told the press conference: "its a really exciting find. This is shining a search light on a period of our history that little is known about, but it is extremely important to the people we are."

The hoard is the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver metalwork

Amazing

Dr Della Hooke, vice president of the Birmingham and Warwickshire Archeological Society, said she was stunned by the discovery, which was made last month but only revealed this week.

Dr Hooke said: "It's absolutely america, It the

Dr Hooke said: "It's absolutely amazing. In the last search they used top-quality equipment to go over the area, which they use to find underground stuff in Afghanistan. Nobody really knows why the hoard is there.
"It could have either been a deliberate burial on a boundary, perhaps after someone died, or buried quickly by someone who had

Vehicles stopped in checks on safety

TEN vehicles were stopped as part of a joint road safety operation between police and council officers. One vehicle was seized for not having insurance while

three drivers were issued with fixed penalty notices of £30 for not wearing seat-belts. A further two with an \$80 fine and three penalty points for using mobile phones during the stop and search checks earlier this

search checks earlier this month.

Checks were carried out on the A5 in Longford and Bridgtown and in and around the A460 Slitting Mill area of in Rugeley.

Defects

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Vehicle and Operator
Services Agency (VOSA)
issued eight prohibition
notices for defects to be rectified and one HGV was
issued with an immediate
prohibition order and not
allowed to continue its
journey. Two scrap collectors were also stopped for
not having licences.
Sergeant David Edge said:
"Staffordshire Police is
working with our partners
to promote and improve
road safety in the county. It
is important particularly at
this time of year with poor
weather conditions that
drivers ensure their whicles
are in a safe condition.

drivers ensure their vehicles are in a safe condition.

"The use of mobile phones while driving endangers other road users so drivers can expect to be dealt with robustly for this offence."

Record night for couriers

COURIER firm APC Over-night had its busiest ever night on Monday, processing a record 135,980 deliveries

a record 135,980 deliveries in just 24 hours.
Some 1,170,399 parcels have passed through APC's national sorting centre in Warstone Road, Essington, since the start of December.
Contractors are due to hand over APC's new £15m distribution centre at Kingwood Lakeside, Cannock by the end of the year. Plans for a viewing plat-form at the hoard field in Lichfield Road were being put before Hammerwich Parish Council last night (Wednesday).

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Blueprint for homes across district Lions dish

UP TO 1,610 homes will be built in South Staffordshire over the next 15 years. They will help young people and families struggling to get their

own home. South Staffordshire's Local Plan is a blueprint for future development setting out how many homes are needed, what employment opportunities there are and how to protect the green belt. In South Staffordshire, more than 3,850 new

homes are planned before 2028. Of these, 370 will be built in Penkridge, with 107 planned in Cheslyn Hay and a further 56 in Great Wyrley.

But taking into account developments over the past few years and those developments which already have planning permission. that

those developments which already have planning permission, that figure falls to 1,610.

Every council in the country is expected to outline how many new homes are needed through what is

Council bosses say the 1,600 new homes are the lowest housing figures they have had but he numbers will help young people and families who are being forced to move out of villages because there

are not enough homes. South Staffordshire has become one of the first councils in the West Midlands to approve its Core Strategy after it received the green light from a gov-

ernment inspector.

Andy Johnson, director of planning, said: "The Core Strategy will put local councillors in a stronger position to decide the district's future when it comes to develop-ment."

up festive offering for OAPs

PENSIONERS enjoyed festive fare as Cannock Lions Club treated them to Christmas dinner.

Around 30 people attended St Luke's Church in Church Street, for turkey with all the trimmings, washed down with sherry, wine and whisky.

There was even an

wine and whisky.

There was even an appearance from Britain's Got Talent keyboard star Jean Martyn who popped in to chat to the residents.

Since Jean made a name for herself on BGT she has appeared on Big Brother, Loose Women, Channel 4's The Paul O'Grady Show and has plaved at St James's has played at St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace Palace.

Beverley Stanyer, spokes-woman for Cannock Lions, said people had rallied round to make the Christmas lunch a success.

She said the turkey was provided by Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley, the Famous Grouse gave some miniatures and the fruit and veg was laid on by local shops.

Crews free stuck pupil

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to a primary school to rescue an eight-year-old boy who was stuck in a chair.

Crews were called out to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in Hill Top, Hednesford at around 10.20am on December 12 after the Year Four pupil got his knee stuck.

The rescue operation saw four firefighters attend, who

four firefighters attend, who used cutting equipment to free the youngster. It took around six minutes to free

around six minutes to free the boy.

Deputy head Dianne Stokes said: "They swiftly managed to free the knee and I am pleased to say the pupil wasn't injured and didn't need any treatment."

Leftovers 'risk'

MORE than one in four risk food poisoning because they leave leftovers out in their kitchens for too long, a Cannock firm warns. Microban said about 27 per cent of people leave Christmas dinner food unrefrigerated in their kitchens for a day or in their kitchens for a day or longer. Marketing director Alison Southcombe said: "People are taking risks."

County slips down table despite best SATs results

vear achieved their best ever SATs results.

But despite its success in the Key Stage 2 exams the county still slipped down the national league tables – from 91 to 96 out of 152 local authorities.

It comes as the Government warned too many primary schools in the county are failing and those that are should be turned into a cardemies.

into academies.

Education

Education secretary Michael Gove last month wrote to local MPs express-ing his concern. It is believed four out of 10 pupils in Staffordshire are attending failing primary schools

give pupils a good grounding in the three Rs has halved in

Celebrating

their Key Stage Two final

exams.
County Councillor Ian
Parry, cabinet member for
education, praised the
county's efforts in securing
its best ever SATs results.
He said: "These results
show that Staffordshire's
primary schools are cer-

show that Staffordshire's primary schools are certainly not failing pupils."
According to Ofsted, 21 of 295 schools in Staffordshire were rated 'inadequate' in their latest inspections, while scores of others were placed in a new category 'requires improvement'.

requires improvement'

secretary

project base is defaced by vandals

failing primary schools.

Nationally, the number of primary schools failing to in the three Rs has halved in the space of a year. In total, 521 schools in England are below the Gov-ernment's floor target for primaries. Last year, 1,310 schools were below the threshold.

VANDALS have defaced a mural and an elderly couple's garden wall with graffiti in a spate of incidents in Rugeley.

Last month a portable building used as a base for the Love Your Street project, in Brereton was sprayed with the names 'Dave' and 'Jason'.

The mobile was based, in Newman Grove, and the

Newman Grove, and the graffiti was sprayed during the weekend of November 3 In Staffordshire, 79 per cent of 11-year-olds achieved Level 4 or above in English and maths – achieving the national average. Among the schools celebrating was Henry Chadwick Community Primary, in Rugeley, which attained 100 per cent Level 4 results in maths and English in their Kev Staze Two final

At about the same time a garden wall belonging to an elderly couple in Talbot Street was sprayed with the same names.

same names.
Cannock Chase Council has appealed for anyone who knows those responsible to contact police.
Cannock Chase's crime

and partnerships councillor Mike Holder said: "The aim of the Love Your Street project in Brereton was to celebrate the community spirit and sense of pride in the area.

the area.
"It was very successful but whoever's sprayed this graffiti certainly didn't share in the aims of Love Your Street."

Street."
Those with information are asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 111 555.

In with a shot of 2016 glory



Shot putter Martin Crutchley, with Councillor Kath Perry and Graham Hughes

A FORMER Paralympic shot putter has set his sights on Olympic glory in 2016 after missing out on the London games this year.

missing out on the London games this year.
Martin Crutchley, of Cheslyn Hay, represented Team GB at the Beijing Olympics in
2008, finishing fifth. He also finished just
outside the medal places at the World Championships in the USA in 2005. The 29-yearold, who has dyspraxia and mild cerebral

palsy, has set his sights on beating the world record of 15.22 metres. South Staffordshire Council bosses are backing Mr Crutchley's gold rush by sponsoring his membership at his village leisure centre.

The athlete's funding received a welcome boost after Graham Hughes, who works for the Community Council of Staffordshire, raised £1,500 as part of a charity cycle race.

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Seasonal fair in aid of school

A CANNOCK primary school raised more than £2,000 at its annual festive fair.

The 'Winter Wonderland

The Winter Wonderland and Craft Fair' was held after school on December 14 at Longford Primary in Ascot Drive.

Ascot Drive.

The event featured an ice rink and a large inflatable snowman which could be used by pupils throughout the day. A Ben 10 bouncy castle was brought in, while all year groups manned stalls selling hand-made Christmas goods including tree ornaments and calen-

Tombola

Dedicated craft stalls were Dedicated craft stalls were taken up by parents where they their sold key chains, phone charms, jewellery and handbags and there was face painting, a raffle, tombola and refreshment stalls. Santa's grotto and Christ-mas carols added to the fes-tivities. Acting head Louise Weston said around £2,000 was raised including a dona-

was raised, including a dona-tion from HSBC.

tion from HSBC.
"Thanks to Friends of Longford, volunteers and staff who made this event such a success," she said.
"It was a wonderful way to end a week of Christmas performances and nativities."

Memory tag aids charity

GARDEN centre visitors are invited to write down their memories and recollections of friends and family and place them on a mer

place them on a memory tree.

The tree is at Wolseley Bridge Garden Centre near Rugeley until Christmas Eve to help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society, the garden centre's charity of the year.

People who wish to put

the year.

People who wish to put their thoughts in writing can pick up a special tag from the garden centre in return for a donation.

For more, call 01889 574 884 or visit www.wolseley-bridgegardencentre.co.uk

Sale for drinkers

January sale at Cannock's Linford Arms. Prices on a choice of food and drink have been reduced at the High Green Wetherspoons pub from January 2 to 31. Manager Andy Newman said: "Given the choice of a sale at the shops or at The Linford Arms, most people would Arms, most people would prefer to visit the pub."

Hannah plays her cards right in competition



Hannah Seaman, aged 10 with Aidan Burley MP

A BRIDGTOWN schoolgirl played her

tition.

Hannah Seaman, aged 10, was named the winner of Chase MP Aidan Burley's annual Christmas card competition. The Tory MP visited Hannah's school, Bridgtown Primary, in North Street, along with sponsor Phil Pemble from Pertemps People Development Group to present her with her prize.

Hannah will have her name, age and school pritted on the inside from Percent

school printed on the inside front page of the card and will also receive a framed

Two runners-up were Georgia Rowley, aged 10, also of Bridgtown Primary and Joseph Horden, 10 from Gorsemoor. Their designs appeared on the back of the

There were hundreds of entries for the competition, which has a theme of 'Cannock Chase at Christmas'.

Mr Burley said: "I would like to thank all those pupils who entered a design for my Christmas card competition this year.

"Particular congratulations must go to Hannah, Georgia and Joseph, whose wonderful designs made it onto my official MP christmas card.

"While many MPs choose to send generic Parliament cards, I decided I wanted to do something a little different and give local students the opportunity to showcase their talent and have they winning design transformed from a superior of the control of the contr snowcase their talent and have their winning design transformed from a drawing on a piece of paper at school to a professionally printed card sent to over 500 people – including the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street."

NEWS in brief Alcohol-fuelled violence tackled

A CAMPAIGN against alcohol-related violence has been launched by Stafford-shire Police.

shire Police.

As part of the force's ongoing Operation Safer Nights, posters will be displayed throughout the Chase encouraging nightime revelers not to get too drunk and commit alcohol related violence this Christmas. The aim of Season's Beatings is to challenge perpetrators of domestic abuse and encourage victims to report it.

report it.

Chief Superintendent
Jon Drake, said: "Alcoholrelated violence is completely unacceptable at any
time of the year and tackling this issue is a top priority for police and local
councils."

For details, or ferral in

For details, or for advice visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/itsneverok

Boost for coffers of Poppy Appeal

OT FOPPY Appeal
TOMBOLAS and raffles
run by the Rugeley
Market Association have
raised £1,000 for this
year's Poppy Appeal.
Organiser Eileen Taylor
accepted a cheque on
behalf of the appeal from
association members, Pat
Hancock and Margaret
Mills.

The money brings the

The money brings the total amount raised in Rugeley over the last 12 months to £12,296.

Ms Hancock said she was delighted with the result and would like to thank customers for their support.

Roof cut off car following crash

FIREFIGHTERS had to cut the roof off a car after two adults and two children were involved in a crash.

were involved in a crash.

The accident happened
on Monday, December 17,
day at 4.15pm on Warstones Road near the Hollybush garden centre in
Cheslyn Hay.

Chesiyn Hay.

The crash and involved a wan and a saloon car and all four people were taken to hospital. There were no serious injuries.

Roll up sleeves to donate blood

BLOOD donors are urged to roll up their sleeves in Heath Hayes on Christ-

NHS Blood and Trans plant is appealing for vol-unteers to attend the Constitutional Club, in Hednesford Road, on Monday, December from 10am to 2pm. Call 0300 123 23 23 to

make an appointment

Tributes paid following death of cleaner aged 54

cleaner who had worked at Cannock Chase High School for more than a decade.

Anne Murphy was the senior cleaner at the school for 13 years. She died at Stoke Hospital, aged 54, after suffering a cardiac arrest at work. Headteacher Barrie Scott said she had been "a big part of

Headteacher Barrie Scott said she had been "a big part of the school" and would be sorely missed.

He said: "She was absolutely lovely, one of those people who always had time for everybody and always had a kind word to say. "She was here all the time and had a huge effect on everyone. She had a big impact on a lot of people's lives.

Meant been "a big part of the sore "by Will Ackermann" by Will Ackermann woman and she was very hardworking - great to work and very witty. She loved her Motown music and always on everyone. She had a been "a big part of the sore "by will Ackermann by Will Ackermann woman and she was very hardworking - great to work and very witty. She loved her Motown music and always had it on while she was lived in the will be will

"She was extremely proud of keeping the school spick and span. She was a real per-fortionist." fectionist

Committed

Mr Scott added that Ms Murphy had been commit-ted to her family and enjoyed spending time with her five adult children, her seven grandchildren and her friends.

Site manager Ken Stratfull, who worked with Ms Murphy for seven years at the Hednesford Road school, said: "She was a lovely

woman and she was very hardworking – great to work with. She was very well liked and very witty. She loved her Motown music and always had it on while she was working. She just loved life." Ms Murphy had a cardiac arrest at the school on November 30. Paramedics

November 30. Paramedics rushed her to Stoke Hospital, where she died on December 2 with friends and family at her side.

Her funeral was due to take place today (Thursday) at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in Cannock Cannock Chase High School will close at midday.

Before joining the school Mrs Murphy had worked at Moorhill Primary in Cannock, where she held a variety of roles, including midday supervisor.

Santa tour raises more than £800 for carnival

SANTA'S recent visit to Brereton has raised more than £800 for next July's village carnival revival.

250U for next July's village carnival revival.

Residents were concerned when Brereton & Ravenhill parish council announced it would no longer be running its annual sleigh ride due to a drop in the number of volunteers. But mother-of-one Natalie Pettitt managed to organise the tour with the help of social media, in less than two weeks.

weeks.
Ruth Templeton, secretary for community group Brace said: "The Santa tour of Brereton, organised by Natalie Pettitt, was a huge success. A grand total of £806 was raised from the generous residents and spirited individuals who came forward to rally together to bring some Christmas magic to the community.

unch club dishes up clean bill of health

Betty Murphy and Ellen Jeffcote are served by Jan Mitchell, from Basix Training, and staff members Hannah Grainger, Laura Taylor, Christian Russon, James McCarthy and Mary Green, from St Mary's Community Centre A LUNCH club launched at a community centre in Cannock has been given a clean bill of health after staff came

hrough a food safety course.

Kitchen workers at St Mary's Comnrough a food safety course.

Kitchen workers at St Mary's Comnunity Centre in Hallcourt Lane are
erving up lunches six days a week as
rell as breakfasts on Saturdays, the
nly day lunch is not on the menu.

I work work wich death from widden to Meals are dished out from midday to 2.30pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 11.30am on Saturdays and midday to 3pm on Sundays

Basix Training put the staff through their paces to make sure their hygiene standards were up to scratch and they all came through an exam with flying

Jan Mitchell, from Basix, said: "People can just call in at the commuty centre and enjoy a delicious meal at the same time as making new

friends. No one needs to feel alone especially at this time of year. Special Christmas dinners and plenty of festive cheer will be served up through-

out December.

"The team deserve this success—
they really impressed me with how
much they knew about keeping food

safe to eat."

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OF PETER RHODES

LET me start by wishing all the readers (even the awkward-squad ones) a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

THE little boys and girls slaughtered in the Con-ecticut school massacre were human sacrifices or the altar of America's obsession with guns. The US the altar of America's obsession with guns. The US Constitution allows its citizens to possess weapons in order that an efficient militia can be maintained—in other words to let the people fight off foreign invaders. The reality is that no American citizen has fired a shot at a foreign invader in the US mainland for 200 years. Yet over the past two centuries guntoting Americans have killed hundreds of thousands of their fellow Americans. They will continue to do so until they realise that in a modern democracy having lethal weapons in the home is not a civil right, nor a

ical will it could introduce gun control tomorrow. It chooses not to do so. We can only conclude, with some horror, that it considers the occasional with some norror, that it considers the occasional slaughter of its children to be a price worth paying for the right to keep an assault rifle in the bedroom. And the truly terrible thing is that some of those whose own children have died in the endless succession of massacres believe that,

IT USED to be said, in the days of music halls, that the Devil had all the best tunes. At this time of year, as the air fills with much-loved carols, it may seem the Almighty has all the best tunes. And then I went to a carol service where the choir sang two hits from The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992), Thankful Heart and It Feels Like Christmas. Believe me, The Muppets have all the best tunes

Muppets have all the best tunes.

THE choristers in question were all elderly gentleman. Imagine a Muppet choir made up entirely of Statlers and Waldorfs and you get the picture.

OUR changing language. Lib-Dem leader Nick Clegg on the success of the Coalition: "On the whole I hope it will actually surprise on the upside." No, I haven't a clue what it means either. Perhaps Clegg would be a natural as a scribtwiter for Ken Dodd. would be a natural as a scriptwriter for Ken Dodd. "What a lovely day, missus. What a lovely day for tossing a pancake blindfolded and getting a surprise on vour upside.'

I HAVE bought an old Volvo. I knew this day would come. Victoria Woods defined the onset of would come. Victoria woods defined the onset of middle age as the moment you pass a display of Scholl sandals and think: "Mmm, they look comfy." The Volvo is very comfy, and very sensible. It also has a little pocket under the sun visor where you can keep that thing you're always losing. I wonder how many of my readers are suddent thinking. "The sun visor that's where I left." denly thinking: "The sun visor, that's where I left

REJOICE, for scientists have rediscovered the Mediterranean oil beetle. It was thought to have become extinct 100 years ago but has been found in the south of England. It is a big beetle, measuring about one inch. Which reminds me of something really should put on my Xmas list. Slippers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

New room a positive move for children Worries

colour-changing lights are helping children relax at a Cannock

The positive play room at Chadsmoor Community Infants & Chadsmoor Community Infants & Nursery has been designed to help pupils feel confident about them-selves and aid their transition into a new class. Children with low self-esteem or other personal issues can share their feelings with staff by

AROMATHERAPY, calming music drawing pictures on a 'feelings and emotions board'

The room took six weeks to build companies providing free labour and services.

Simon Dawes, of JWS Builders, said the room created a "stimulating, pleasurable environment that will provide children with a special experience"

trical Wholesale, which provided LED lighting, added: "We are very

proud to be part of the programme."
The concept is part of the Positive Play Support Programme, which works jointly with the Special Educational Needs Specialist Service in Lichfield and Cannock.

The school will invite local councillors and school governors to the room's official launch in the New Year, after it has become accredited.



The dream room at Chadsmoor Community Infants & Nursery

Council to payout £15k over asbestos at school

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council has been handed a court bill of £15,000 after admitting liability when dangerous asbestos fibres were released into the nursery of a primary school in Cheslyn Hay.

Glenthorne Primary School was shut for three months while decontamination took place in 2009. An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive by Lisa O'Brien

Health and Salety Executive revealed shortcomings in dealing with asbestos both by the council and its con-tractors, Rugeley-based G Evans (Services) Ltd. The company was fined £8,000 and ordered to pay £4,000 costs following a hearing at Stafford crown

The firm, from Wheel-The firm, from Wheel-house Road, admitted failing to ensure the safety of persons not in its employment and the safety of persons in employment.

Exposure

The council, which also pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to ensure the safety of persons not in its employment, was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £5,000 costs.
Judge Mark Eades heard last Friday that the main

last Friday that the main people at risk from the asbestos were two workers from the firm.

Risks to teachers and chil-dren in the school at the

time were "difficult" to The court heard the expo

sure was brief and would not lead to any serious lung problems like asbestosis or cancer.

The incident happened in February 2009 during the removal of a long wall cupboard, which had to be sawn in bolf.

board, which had to be sawn in half.

The work revealed a foil-lined backing board, which was wrongly identified as non-hazardous insulation material and put in a skip.

Mr Bernard Thorogood, representing the council, said the refurbishment of the nursery was a late addition to the work at the school, in Glenthorne Drive, and the authority accorded and the authority accepted responsibility for the failing of a very senior employee.

Mr Stephen Cadwaladr,

for the company, said only a small piece of asbestos had been sawn by hand and very few fibres had been released.

Couple celebrate diamond day



Diamond wedding couple Alf and Juanita Preece, both aged 80, of Norton Canes

received a letter from the Queen to after reaching the milestone.

A MAN was told to pay out £100 for stealing 11 pairs of thermal socks from Cannock's indoor market. Mark Nutting, aged 42, of Cannock, stole the socks at around 4.15am on Wednesday, December 12. He appeared before Cannock Magistrates the following day where he pleaded guilty to shoplifting.

Nutting told police in an interview he had approached the

Thief is fined as thermal

socks taken from market

stall and put his hands through the shutters to take the items. Defending, Mark Hemming told the court: "Mr Nutting was out that time because he had been thrown out

his property by his girlfriend."

Nutting was fined £85, with a £15 victim surcharge.

A NORTON Canes couple have celebrated months until one day they met again on the 60 years of wedded bliss – with Royal bless-ing. Alf and Juanita Preece, of Park Road,

bus. They were married on November 29 1952 at St James Church in Church Road. Alf spent most of his time working in All spent most of his time working in Cannock's mining industry before moving to Hednesford Valley training centre after developing black lung. The couple have two children, Stephen, 58 and Susan, 59, and four grandchildren.

The couple met at the fairground at the age of 16 in 1948 and subsequently began meeting each other regularly at the local park. They went their separate ways for 18

as gangs gather at Tesco

over troublemakers and drug users congregating beneath the new Tesco store in Hednesford.

beneath the new Tesco store in Hednesford.

The supermarket, built on stilts, is like a "Santa's grotto" to gangs, said Cannock Chase councillor Doris Grice.

She said: "As soon as I knew the store was going to be built on stilts, I predicted trouble. I thought straight away 'the kids are going to go for it'. There's a drugs problem in Hednesford, and that's no doubt going to attract them. attract them.
"It will shelter them from

the weather – it'll be like Santa's grotto to them."

Fearful

Cannock Chase council leader George Adamson said he was fearful that the exist-ing anti-social behaviour in the town could now escalate beneath Tesco. He said: "There was

always a problem before with kids hanging around outside Lloyds TSB.

outside Lloyds TSB.
"A greater police presence
is needed. There's a couple
of PCSOs that are very good
and very keen, but they have
limited powers."
No-one at Tesco was available to comment.

Drivers are hit by smoke

MOTORISTS were forced to drive through heavy smoke after a farmer set fire to 10 tons of hay in Gailey. The smoke drifted over onto the A449 after the bales were set alight on farmland opposite Dobbies garden centre on the A5.

the A5.

Firefighters were called out to the blaze at 7pm last Thursday (December 13) because it was disrupting motorists on the dual carriageway. Crews from Penkridge. ridge and Cannock attended. It took eight firefighters around three hours to resolve the issue.

Three-car crash

A VAN driver was taken to hospital after a three-vehicle smash in Gailey. A van, a car and a lorry were involved in the collision near South Staffordshire College's Rod-Staffordshire College's Rod-baston Campus at 12.50pm last Thursday, December 13. The 51-year-old man went to North Staffordshire Hospi-tal with hip and thigh pain.





proposed at stations

MILLIONS of pounds will be invested in improving all the railway stations in be invested in improving all the railway stations in Staffordshire, including upgrading of platforms. New signs will also be installed with general repairs taking place. Staffordshire County

Staffordshire County
Council wants to spruce up
the stations to improve the
impression the county
makes on visitors.
Cannock, Hednesford,
Rugeley Town and Rugeley
Trent Valley are all in line

Trent Valley are all in line for investment, as well as Penkridge station.

Lichfield Trent Valley is earmarked for a major revamp, while a £3m upgrade of Stafford has already begun. The Network Rail scheme is due to last for nine months.

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The announcement comes after a review identified all 20 stations in the county as sub-standard. Transport boss Councillor Mike Maryon has now asked officers to draw up detailed

plans.
It comes alongside £30m plans for the electrification of the Rugeley to Walsall Chase line, expected to increase footfall at Stafford-

shire stations.

OUnder the scheme, the numbers of trains per hour will be increased and the speed of the line will go from 45 to 75mph.

Christmas

CANNOCK Chase District Council has released a full list of collections for Hednes ford for the coming festive

period. Collections due on Christmas Eve will be made on Sat-urday, December 22 while those due on Christmas Day

those due on Christmas Day will be made a day earlier. The collections on Decem-ber 26 and 28 will be made one day later than normal. Monday December 31's collection will remain the same but collections due on Tuesday, January 1 to Friday, January 4, will also be made one day later than normal.

For more information call Cannock Chase District Council on 01543 462621.

Grapes of rock

LOCAL band The Rock Dogs will be playing at The Grapes in Stafford tomor-row night (Friday) from 9.30pm with a late bar. The following night they play at The Jolly Collier in Hunt-ington Terrace Road, Chedsmoor from 9ms ington Terrace Chadsmoor from 9pm.

Upgrade is Moshi Monster mania as character drops in at store

Unpaid work for care home

employee guilty of thefts



residents and colleagues to pay off a drug debt has been sentenced to 80 hours unpaid

sonal use.

Mr Mark Hemming, def-

Admitted

IT WAS Moshi Monster mania at Hed-

IT WAS Moshi Monster mania at Hednesford's new Tesco supermarket.
Children's favourite Moshi Monster character, Poppet caused quite a stir among the younger shoppers at the store, in the Victoria Shopping Park.
The loveable pet pink monster greeted the children throughout the day at the supermarket in Victoria Street, built as part of a £50m regeneration of the town.

eration of the town.

The fun continued when the muchloved character proudly posed for photographs and there were also two face painters on hand to ensure local youngsters went home very happy and in a festive mood. Store manager Richard Betts said the event on

Richard Betts said the event on December 8 had been 'absolutely fan-tastic'.

"The Moshi Monster was a real crowd pleaser and created a very exciting atmosphere in store, with many younger visitors so eager to meet Poppet," he said.

Enjoyed

"They were also queuing up to have their faces transformed into works of art by local face painters. We hope all the customers enjoyed the day as

officially opened by civic dignitaries from Hednesford Town Council and Cannock Chase Council on Monday November 26. It is open for 24 hours from Monday through to midnight on Saturday and then from 11am - 5pm

Sunday.

Mr Betts added: "We are delighted

MY Detts added: We are dengined and really appreciate the customer feedback on their new store.

"We hope the local community will continue to support their local stores and enjoy their shopping experience in the run up to Christmas and into

in brief

Get with the Inn Crowd at church

A CHRISTMAS musical will be held at St Michael's Church in Penkridge this weekend.

The St Michael's Singers will stage the Roger Jones musical, The Inn Crowd at 7.30pm on Saturday and 10.30am on Sunday. Sunday.

Organiser Carole French said: "We have some really strong singers this year. This is a really this year. This is a really lively musical and there is even some audience partic ipation."

For more information call 01785 713342.

Activities in the great outdoors

YOUNGSTERS in Hed-nesford can take part in a range of outdoor activities next year.

The Friends of Hednes ford Park hope the classes during the Easter holi-days, will encourage more people to use the park.

They include building and installing bird boxes, willow activities and a sur-

willow activities and a survival skills day for anyone aged 18 and under.

For more details visit www.friendsofhednes fordpark.btck.co.uk or telephone 07896 239717.

Shoebox plea by **Aid Trust charity**

RESIDENTS in Hednes-ford are being urged to donate gifts to Interna-tional Aid Trust's Christ-

tional Aid Trust's Christ-mas Shoebox Appeal. The charity is collecting presents for children, teenagers, adults and pen-sioners and boxes can be handed in to the shop on Market Street. A list of what to donate can be found at www.inter nationalaidtrust.org.uk or by calling 01543 428737.

Councillors' last surgery of year

BURNTWOOD'S Chase-town and Summerfield ward councillors hold their final 2012 tomorrow (Friday) at the Old Mining College, Queen Street, Chasetown. Residents can drop in from 4.30-5.30pm. Councillors Steve Nor-man, Don Isaacs, Bernard Brown, Keith Willis-Croft, Steve Taylor and Rod Campbell will be on hand.

Fun and games

FOUR hours of fun and games takes place from 10am at Penkridge Leisure Centre, Cannock Road, or Saturday for children aged five-to-12. Archery for children over eight takes place from 10am to noon.

Seized fake goods haul totals £15m



Senior trading standards investigator Nigel Cotton and Councillor Pat Corfield, top, check seized goods

gifts plea

Gemma Davis - sentenced

Agency in

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CANNOCK shoppers are being urged to spend wisely this Christmas.

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development says thousands are wasted eath

thousands are wasted each year on unwanted gifts, while the less fortunate struggle to make ends meet. Cafod wants shoppers to choose its "ethical, practical, life-changing" "World Gifts'. These include training for farmers in developing countries to grow saffron, community latrines to stop diseases spreading and sal rairies for medics in rural aries for medics in rural health clinics. Cafod diocesan manager

Cafod diocesan manager Helen Moseley said: "You can make a huge difference to the quality of life of those living in poverty." Gifts are available at http:

//worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/

THESE are some of the items found in £15 million haul of counterfeit goods

Admitted

He said: "She is and was addicted to cannabis. There was pressure put on her to repay her drugs debt.
"She has never been in trouble with the police before. She is a young lady who has a drug problem and wants to address that.
"She co-operated fully with police. She also pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity."
Davis admitted seven counts of theft and was given 120 hours unpaid work, cut to 80 hours for an a £15 million haul of counterfeit goods destined for markets and car boot sales around the country this Christmas. The seizure, thought to be the biggest ever in the UK mainland, was as a result of a Watchdog investigation sparked by fake goods found at car boot sales in Cannock as well as in Himley. The "unprecedented" seizure of hundreds of boxes of items ranged from upmarket headphones, DVDs and CDs, to counterfeit branded clothing. Among the haul were copies of the trendy Beats by Dr Dre headphones, which usually retail for up to £450. work, cut to 80 hours for an early guilty plea.
A 12-month community A 12-month community order was also made and she must pay £85 costs and £45 compensation to a victim.

Chairman of the bench Mr Martin Corden said breaches of trust were a sorious matter expecially.

serious matter, especially when victims were such vul-

The crates are now being stored at a secure site in Staffordshire.

It was initially thought the total value of the goods was about £10m but more a more detailed stock-take has pushed the value up to almost £15m. **Premises**

The goods were discovered on December 6 after a raid on premises in Birmingham by county council trading standards and Staffordshire Police offi-

cers following a tip-off.
Staffordshire Council communities chief Councillor Pat Corfield said: "Our trading standards officers

are confident they have smashed a major supply route in the manufacture and retail of counterfeit goods.

and retail or counteriest goods.

"We believe it may be the biggest single seizure of counterfeit goods by a trading standards team anywhere in the country and certainly here in the Midlands.

"Officers were amazed at the size of the haul as they catalogued and

the haul as they catalogued and recorded the goods before they were removed to a secure storage facility."

The action was welcomed by the Federation Against Copyright Theft and the British Phonographic Industry, which represents recording artists.

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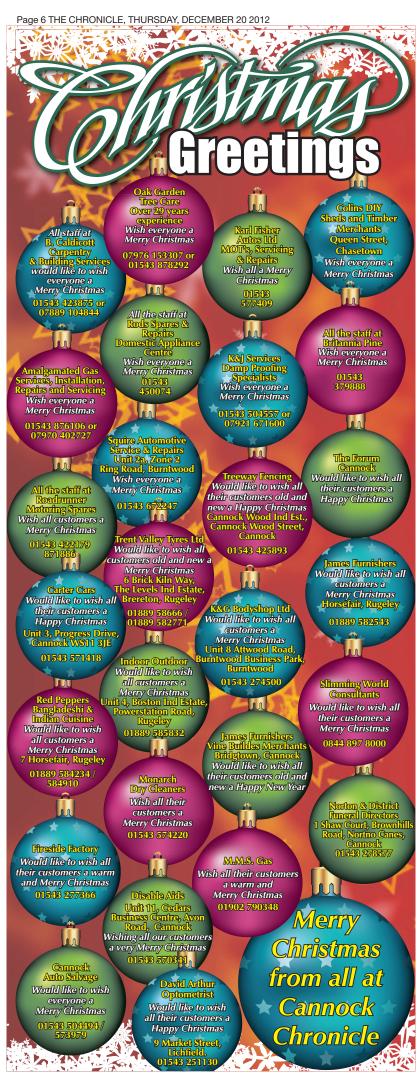
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Residents in fear as 'boy racers' move on to Chase

BOY racers who have been banned from the main roads of Cannock have moved on to streets on and around the Chase, it has now emerged.

The drivers are said to be careering down The drivers are said to be careering down stretches near to Cannock Chase on Brindley Road and Pye Green Road in Hednesford. The A460, which passes through the Chase, is also being used close to The Tackeroo pub Cannock Chase district council leader George Adamson said elderly people living in bungalows on Pye Green Road were left in fear of being knocked down.

Councillor Adamson said: "There have been a lot of combaints on the Pye Green

Councillor Adamson said: "There have been a lot of complaints on the Pye Green Road up to the BT tower on the Chase.
"These roads are residential and there are elderly people living there who are fearful that should they cross the road, one of those idiots will knock them down.
"I have asked police in the past to monitor speeding on that road.

Barred

"The problem has been removed from

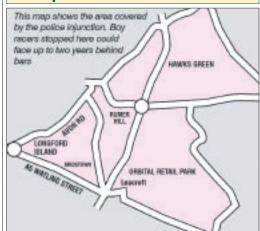
"The problem has been removed from Cannock thanks to the High Court injunction, but officers now need to double their efforts on Pye Green Road," the council leader added.

The stretch of road is just outside the area outlined by the High Court from which boy racers were barred.

Fellow Cannock Chase councillor for Hednesford, Alan Pearson, said: "The A460 through the Chase is a definite race track. You can hear them racing down there and coming back minutes later."

Cannock Chase local policing team commander Inspector Chris Ellerton said: "Officers will continue to carry out patrols of the area covered by the injunction, along with a number of other areas."

Map of banned areas



The map which shows where boy racers have been banned

Ine map which shows where
POLICE have released a map
showing where street racers blighting Cannock have been banned
under the terms of a new court order.
Drivers using any of the routes
shown as a racing track could face
two years in prison or hefty fines.

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Areas covered include stretches
across Leacroft, Bridgtown, Mill
Green, Hawks Green, Rumer Hill
and over to parts of Heath Hayes
and the east of the district. The

crackdown covers three-mile stretches of road on the edges of the map. Scores of routes fall within the injunction area.
Officers will begin enforcement

others win begin embrement action after using a grace period to put up posters and give out leaflets. "They will be concentrating on those "who look like they might be involved in car cruising", Staffordshire Police spokesman Peter Bate said.

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Phoebe's peace offering wins prize



Chase Academy pupil Phoebe Lester-James, aged 13, with Cannock Lions youth officer Graham Stanyer

A PICTURE perfect poster promoting peace has helped a pupil win some extra Christmas cash. Thirteen-year-old Phoebe Lester-James was among 40 students at Chase Academy in Cannock who entered a contest run by the district's Lions Club

Trict's Lions Club.

She conquered the competition to win first place, beating peers from schools across Cannock. Youngsters were set the

task of designing a peace-themed poster and Phoebe created an image of a dove, set against a rainbow made up of the colours of international flags.

She was presented with a certificate and £25 worth of gift vouchers. "I was speechless when I was told I'd won, I was over the moon," she said.

AN £80,000 indoor skate park is set to open in Bridgtown by the end of the month.

Rampz will have the biggest 'bowl' in the Mc3/land ariths of 8th doors in the Mc3/land arithment of the Mc3/land arithment of

the end of the month.

Rampz will have the biggest 'bowl' in the Midlands, with an 8ft drop at its highest point, as well two quarter and two half pipes, and two runs made up of ramps and 'volcanoes'.

It will open in Walkmill Lane on December 28. The family business behind the project is KW Cycles, which owns Hednesford Cycles on Market Street, Hednesford and a branch in

the Cannock area at the moment. The outdoor parks are no good in the rain and they're not safe.
"This will be a place for young people to have fun and socialise. We hope it will be a place they can call their own too. We've had a couple of local lads paint the murals on the walls."

BMX cyclists, skateboarders, and scooter riders will be able to buy a £15

membership, with a free T-shirt for the first 100 who sign up. It will then cost \$2.50 per hour to use the facilities, or around £10 for a day pass. Non-members will pay a slightly higher rate.

The owners also plan to hold Saturday classes for "anyone with wheels" aged seven or older.

Co-partner Kev Lewis said: "It's going to take the kids off the street and provide somewhere for them to go. Parents have told us there's nowhere for their kids to go and be in a safe, fun environment."



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LETTERS

charges

IN reply to the letters recently published about car parking charges in Cannock Chase, let me make it clear that the Labour Group on Cannock Chase has no plans to increase car parking charges in the council's budget.

charges in the council shudget.

The increase last April was approved by all three parties. Hednesford remains free parking.

Since Labour took control we have given priority to improving our town centres and money has been ring-fenced to help all of our towns. The biggest problem traders have had to face is the double dip recession that has prevented people from spending.

We will continue to support our town centres to

We will continue to support our town centres to help them to grow and thrive and we will work with the traders to achieve this. DIANE TODD, Cabinet member for Town Centre Regener-ation

STARTS

No plans Working to give area an Olympic legacy Put aside

for rise in Darking

To seems former councillor Graham Burnett can't bear the thought of sporting and recreational favour. He also forgets that the land on Pye Green Valley is being sold by the Stadium as part of our Olympic legacy to do sothey do not need to hang around County County and town centres.

County Council and that permission was given for the people of CannockChase.

MAY I take this opportunity to wish everyone in Burntwood

Chairman, Burntwood Town Council

the streets and town centres.

for the people of CannockChase.
When he was a councillor he voted for its demolition. He does not seem to be able to understand that Hednesford people will use the new facilities.
Last time I looked there were no border guards stopping anyone from walking from Belt Road to the site. The fact is that we need sporting facilities to

Conservative-controlled County
Council and that permission was given
by Cannock Chase when it was run by
the Tory/Lib Dem coalition, including
Mr Burnett.

We are working to improve life for
our residents and we want our area to
have an Olympic legacy.
GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock Council leader

Seasonal greetings LETTERS to the Editor from town chairman POST

Cannock & Rugeley Chronicle Chronicle Editorial, 51-53 Queen Street Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

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Collection for Newlife

WE were delighted to receive £291.62 from the bucket collection. Thank you for allowing volunteers to carry out these collections in aid of Newlife Foundation at the Sainsbury's Cannock Store, your support is greatly appreciated. I can confirm that the monies raised have been restricted to

Regional Fundraising

all political differences

I FELT the need to contact you after reading the front page article of the Chronicle, November 29.

page article of the Chronicle, November 29.
Setting aside any political preferences, we have our local MP Aidan Burley trying his utmost to keep Cannock Hospital open. I'm sure the good folk of Cannock would welcome and listen to any proposal to keep their hospital open so why not consult with them?
Get a group of administration staff from the MP's office into Cannock town centre and get first hand people's views and opinions on how to save their hospital, following the disgraceful mis-management by the Mid-Staffordshire Foundation Trust.
Typically members of the opposition have ridiculed his proposal, but surely this is one occasion where political differences should be put aside, and everyone should

aside, and everyone should concentrate their efforts and pull in the same direction to

eep this hospital open
NIGEL BULLOCK
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Roll up your sleeves

to help save hospital

I AM sure that most people who saw an interview given by Councillor Adamson when he responded to the latest plans to save Cannock Hospital would, like me, have been annoyed and embarrassed. Yet again, all the senior politician in Cannock Chase could do was repeat the same old mantra that it's an NHS facility, which shouldn't close. Of course we don't want it to close. But the simple fact is that it has been in the process of being closed by regular cuts to services for last eight years. The only way to make sure that the hospital is still there into the next decade and beyond is for everyone to pull together.

That means casting aside reasons why something might not work and looking with an open mind at how it can. That means not just objecting to something happening, but taking action to ensure our goals are achieved. That means bringing an end to the empty political rhetoric and rolling up our sleeves.

GRILINETT Station Road Hednesford

up our sleeves.
G BURNETT, Station Road, Hednesford

Appeal over old teams

MAY I appeal to the readership for help in my research into the Victorian football teams from the Aston, Birmingham, Wednesbury and Walsall districts? I mean those which played during the 1880s and 90s, and until the First World War when many folded due to players being killed in action. Teams I am interested in are Aston Victoria, Aston Shakespeare, Wednesbury Strollers, Aston Unity, Hednesford Swifts, Crosswell's, Warwick County, Lozells FC, Unity Gas, Smethwick Carriage Works and Wednesbury Old Park. Do any readers possess any old photographs of any of these teams, or a photo of a great-grandfather who played for one of them? Or tell me the colours they played in? MIKE BRADBURY 19 Calstock Road, Willenhall mbradbury42@yahoo.co.uk

MAY I take this opportunity to wish everyone in Burntwood a very happy Christmas and New Year. This year has been and remains challenging in so many aspects of daily life, especially financial. That recognised, the year has brought both stimulating and rewarding experiences. The Queen's Jubilee and the Olympic and Paralympic Games have given so much pleasure for so very many people and it has been heartening to see so much involvement in commemorative activities here in Burntwood. We have much to see achieved in Burntwood in terms of new health and social care facilities, a new town centre development, the strengthening of businesses and the improvement to local amenities. What is not in doubt is the willingness of local people to contribute to the creation of a caring community. Seasonal greetings from the officers and elected members of Burntwood Town Council in wishing you a peaceful and purposeful Christmas and New Year. ROD CAMPBELL Chairman, Burntwood Town Council help a disabled child in Staffordshire. Thank you once again

for supporting Newlife in this way CHRIS BELYAVIN

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Business is booming as saddle firm grows

saddle-making company with bases in Cannock and Walsall.

Black Country Saddles has increased staff to 20 and has an annual turnover of more than £1 million.

of more than £1 million. The company supplies Paralympic gold medallists Natasha Baker and Sophie Wells last week visited at the company to pick up their new saddles. The firm, which exports more than half of its products, is now considered to be in the top three bespoke saddlemakers in the world. It designs and hand-makes saddles

makers in the world.

It designs and hand-makes saddles for clients in America, Canada, Australia countries across Europe.

Expanding

The business was started by friends Rob Cullen, from Cannock, and John Hartley, of Walsall, both aged 56, who started as apprentices at a factory in Walsall.

Γhey started their own business in the town 20 years ago, expanding to Cannock in 2010.

Cannock in 2010.

Managing director Mark Bryan said:

"The firm is bucking the trend with its modern new factory in Cannock, very far from the image of dark satanic mills that the leather industry traditionally conjurse up.

conjures up.

"Our base here is almost purpose-built," he added. "When you consider that it started as a two-man business in a garage, it's clear it has come a long and it has the capacity to grow

The Walsall factory is one of around 70 firms in the town still making



Paralympian stars, left, Sophie Wells and Natasha Baker at Black Country Saddles in Bridgtown, with owners, left, Robert Cullen and John Hartley

leather products. Although the industry is strong in Germany and France, Walsall is still considered a world

The Wednesbury Road site produces the wood and metal trees that form the foundation of the saddle while the addition of the wool flocking and leather is carried out at Bridgtown,

The firm makes saddles to order, ranging in price from £1,000 to £2,500.

Black Country Saddles sponsors the

Black Country Saddles sponsors the two Paralympic riders.

Newcomer Natasha Baker, from London and the baby of the Great British para-equestrian team, surpassed expectations by winning her individual championship event and picking up a second gold in the freestyle event.

Sophie Wells, 22, from Lincoln, won a team gold and two individual silver medals at the Games.





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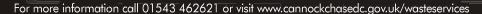






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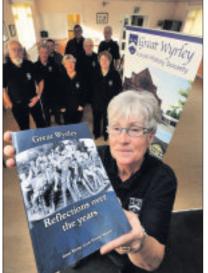








The Great Wyrley Royals Jazz Band pictured during the 1970s



Pam Ball, aged 65, with fellow history society members

Book reflects on village history over the years

A NEW book telling the history of Great Wyrley has been launched. The 276-page tome, called 'Reflections Over The Years' has been two years in the making.

years in the making.

It was launched by the Great Wyrley Local History Society earlier this month at the village community centre in Landywood Lane.

More than 100 people attended the launch, opened by history society chairman Gary Smith.

Staffordshire County Councillor Patrick Corfield addressed the audience before a closing speech by entrepreneur Fred Pritchard. Developer Mr Pritchard, who attended Great Wyrley High School, is honorary president of the history society and toasted the group in bringing out the book.

It follows the group's previous publication, Great Wyrley Review, which

featured news and photographs from the 1930s through to the Millennium.

the 1930s through to the Millennium Reflections Over The Years is available at £8 from Sparkles, next to Great Wyrley Sports and Social Club, Walsall Road, or from Landywood Voluntary Centre. Copies can also be purchased from Kelchers opticians on the Quinton Shopping Centre, Wardles Lane, from Gary Smith on 01922 418546, or Trevor Pearce on 01922 414887.

It features chapters from the early history of agriculture to churches and schools, industry, health and the community centre.

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The village's shops, pubs and clubs are all given a mention, as are local organisations from the last 60 years together with sport and music and a walk around the village and new estates. The book contains photos

from the war until the present day, with contributions coming from vil-lagers, shop owners, publicans, members of the clergy and teachers, together with many archive photo-

Formed

Mr Smith said: "Even though we originally thought of writing an history of the past 70 years, there was more to the history of the village that needed to be researched. It was hard work but worth it."

worth it."
The Great Wyrley History Society was formed in 2009 and has more than 80 members.
Coffee mornings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 10am until noon at the Senior Citizens. Centre in Broadmeadow Lane. The group holds an annual open day and visits other history societies across the



Councillor Pat Corfield speaks at the book launch

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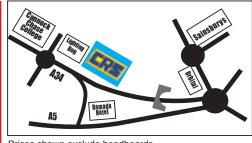
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Councillor Robert Marshall and Chief Supt Jon Drake in a patrol car with one of the new cameras

SPECIAL cameras with automatic number plate recognition have been rolled out tion have been rolled out across Staffordshire to crack down on "commuter crimi-

The cameras, which will focus on 57 main routes, are either fixed in position or in officers' patrol cars.

Commuter criminals are often thieves who come into the county from across the border as they believe they have less chance of being caught

Research

Staffordshire Chief Superintendent Staffordshire Chief Superintendent Jon Drake estimates around 40 per cent of burglaries are committed by offenders from outside of the county. He said: "From my point of view, these cameras are ideal to research criminals on the road. "These cars can be used pro-actively following a crime or can be used to recognise vehicles that have been

involved in crime. They could also be used when there's been a crime in the area, as we can search for all the cars picked up by the cameras in that area. A total of 65 cameras are being put in place, either mobile in cars in fixed in

particular crime hotspots. They are discreet and will be used to detect vehicles which are not taxed or insured, but

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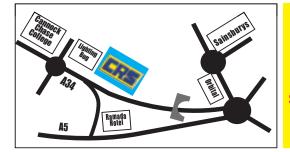
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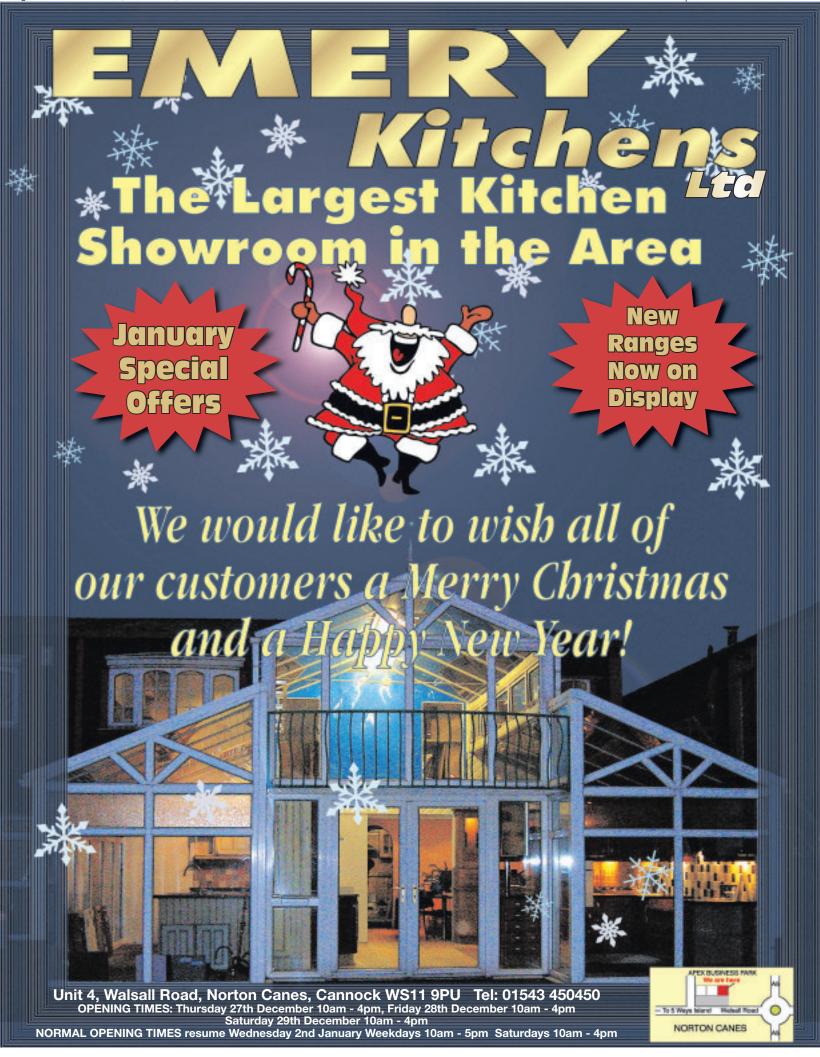
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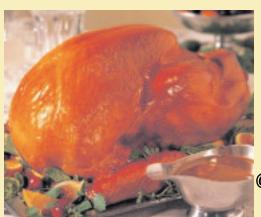
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Foodbank is serving up a lifeline for needy families



HUNGRY families in Burntwood and the surrounding areas are being offered a helping hand this Christmas at a new food bank.

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Emmanuel Church, on Cannock
Road, Chase Terrace, has already
helped four families since it opened last
week, but organisers say they have the
capacity to serve many more.
They are calling on residents to
spread the word so that no one is left
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spread the word so that no one is left hungry this festive season. Pastor Rod Lewis, who runs the food bank with five other volunteers, said: "We need to help families on low incomes who are finding it tough with

by Will Ackermann

rising prices. We are expecting a lot more people as word gets out and we've got enough to supply many people who need it. Fd also like to thank parents, staff and children at Fulfen Primary. They have supplied a tonne of food."

The facility is stocked by a warehouse in Pye Green, Cannock which is run by the charity Cannock and District Foodbank. The centre also supplies to six other food banks in Cannock Chase.

Dave Spencer, the charity's opera-

Cannock Chase.

Dave Spencer, the charity's operations co-ordinator, said more and more families were struggling. He said: "There's been a need for some time,

but we are seeing an increase in the number of people needing this service. To date, we've had over six tonnes of food donated by the public and we've served more than 100 people in the last four weeks."

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The Emmanuel Church food bank is open on Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm and on Sundays from 10am to noon and 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
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MILLIONS of pounds will be slashed from pensioners' day centres in Staffordshire over the next four years. Savings of £400,000 have been earmarked for this year's budgets but will rise year on year until reaching £1.2m in 2016/17.

Numbers attending the county's 27 day centres have dropped by half in the last two-and-a-half years but 600 people still use them.

The announcement has sparked speculation that day centre closures will follow

them.

The announcement has sparked speculation that day centre closures will follow. Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "These day centres are a lifeline for the elderly. It would be an absolute disaster if any were to close."

A report about the cost-cutting measures was going before Staffordshire County Council's decision-making cabinet this week.

Lottery funds confirmed for transformation of town park

ford Park has been confirmed after £2.273 million was secured from lottery funding to back the project.

Cannock Chase Council bosses said work

Cannock Chase Council bosses said work would begin on the park's revival next year after bids for the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund were successful Under the plans, the pavilion will be extended to two storeys with a community room, balcony and ground floor cafe and a state-of-the-art skate park will be installed as well as new play areas and an outdoor gym. Work will also be carried out

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Councillor Christine Mitchell said: "We're delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund have given us this grant. Hednesford Park is at the heart of the community and has been for generations.

"The funding means that we can now deliver a conductable said for the other."

wonderful park fit for the 21st century that builds on its history and heritage. "Thanks so much to the local community and the Friends of Hednesford Park for their support

Souter said competition for the cash had been high but she was "delighted to be bringing a bit of seasonal cheer to a number of popular parks, including Hednesford Park"

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Council leader George Adamson added: "This is a wonderful early Christmas present for the people of Hednesford and is the green light for our exciting plans. The park is already well used and popular with local people and the major improvements will make it even better for them."

Health fears on toilet spending

MORE than £10 million has been cut from spending on public conveniences in the past two years, posing a risk to public health, according to a new study.

Some councils have slashed more than £250,000 from their budgets, with the biggest cuts in London and the North West regions. And there have been major reductions across the West Midlands and Staffordshire. Cannock Chase District Council has closed all five of its public toilets over the last decade. The research, by Unison, found councils across England are spending 13 per cent less on maintaining and repairing conveniences compared with the 2010/11 financial year. Heather Wakefield, national officer of Unison, said: "This is a serious public health concern. For thousands of people suffering from long-term or chronic illness, waiting until you get home is simply not an option."

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Ruby's beaming over county call



Ruby Anthony, aged seven, from the Birches Valley Gymnastics Club, has been selected for the county

A SEVEN-year-old gymnast from Cannock is celebrating after winning a place on the county squad.
Ruby Anthony, who has been a member of Birches Valley Gymnastics Club in Cannock for two years, was successful in winning a place on the county gymnastics squad during trials held in Burton-upon-Trent.
The Gorsemoor Primary School pupil, of Barnard Way, Cannock, showed off her skills in all areas including the floor, vault, beam and bar.
He mother Beth Anthony, aged 34, said: "She will train once a month with the county squad.
"She is working her way up and may even go on to the regional and national squad next.

regional and national squad next.
"She scored really well at the trials and I'm extremely proud of her."

Students given tour of parliament by MP

STUDENTS from Cheslyn Hay were given a personal tour of the Houses of Parliament by South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson. The pupils were from Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School.

They were shown through Westminster Hall, Central Lobby and the House of Commons itself during the tour.

The children were then given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Williamson about his job and his views on a common former tissue.

series of current issues **Subjects**

The MP said he was tremendously impressed by the students' questions, which covered subjects ranging from the newly-elected police commissioners to voting turnout and the repatriation of powers from the EU.

He added: "It's so very important to encourage young people to have an active interest in politics, not only to encourage them to vote in elections but so they get involved and maybe stand for parliament themselves some day."



INC YOR CHURCHER MINISTER

What's On!

A Yuletide Evening With Gervase Phinn, Town Hall, Birmingham
THE Rotherham-racon teur was back in Brum for one of his seasonal specials and a seemingly endless stream of stories, poems and observations of children, school life and the world in general.
His first offering was a poem inspired by school-children's letters to a teacher on sick leave.
He later regaled his audience with the innocent honesty of a young boy who told the former Offsted inspector, "When I am 21, you'll probably be dead."
Phinn brought in tales of his own idealight of his own idealight.

you'll probably be dead."
Phinn brought in tales of his own idyllic childhood and sentimental poetry about his mom, while he also recalled his own nativity disaster.
The audience lapped up tales of how the mayor's visit to a nativity play was thwarted by the Virgin Mary having nits and his call to ban grannies from the front row because they were dangerously disruptive. ve. As usual it was good

gentle humour.

Danny Farragher

Band's pub date

ROCK band Almost Easy will be playing at the Jubilee pub in Hednesford next Friday night (Decem-ber 28). The concert is free to attend and is a warm-up to the new year calabrato the new year celebra-tions. It starts at 9pm.

Festive treats from Gervase Theatre tickled to welcome veteran funnyman 'Doddy'

REVIEW

That fluffy green duck has everyone Tweeting

Jack and the Beanstalk, Wolverhampton Grand
THERE is lots of fe-fi-fo-FUN in the Grand's giant panto Jack and the Beanstalk with plenty of laughs, outrageous costumes and the temping and the standard processing of the standard processing toe-tapping pop songs. The story about Jack the giant killer gets a makeover with spectacular sets and a 10-foot tall ogre.

makeover with spectacular sets and a 10-foot tail ogre.

It's been decades since ventriloquist Keith Harris and Orville were regulars on TV but it's that fluffy little green bird everyone will be tweeting about. Even the mums and dads were singing along with the 30-year-old hit Orville's Song, performed in a medley with I Wish I Could Fly.

Jack's mother Dame Trot (Nigel Ellacott) nearly stole the show with a Black Country revamp of Barry Manilow's Copocabana, "at the market, at Bilston market".

Any Dream Will Do finalist Ben James-Ellis was a suitably dashing, tuneful and good

it was hard to hate villainess Lady Temple-Savage. Glam-orous Benidorm star Sherrie Hewson was such good fun, especially when adopting a ridiculous 'Swedish' accent and disguise to con Jack out of his cow.

con Jack out of his cow.
She was reunited with former
Coronation Street co-star Ken
Morley, as the bumbling King
Crumble, and the pair conjured
their old magic for a delightful
routine singing daft Chitty ditty
Chu-Chi Face.



at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre. The self-styled Professor of Giggleology and master of applied Tickleology at Knotty Ash University, Dodd is well-known for his marathon shows.

The funnyman's previous Cannock dates have proved no exception and he makes a welcome return to the Church Street venue on Saturday, January 12

to the Church Street venue on Satur from 7pm with tickets priced at £21.

Other highlights of the new season include come-dian Dave Spikey on April 19, medium Derek Acorah, who will appear on January 24 and 70s band Dr Feel-good, who had a big hit with Milk and Alcohol. Their date at the theatre will be on Sat-urday, March 13.

Tributes

Tributes

The music of Billy Fury, Patsy Cline and the Four Seasons will be celebrated, while there will also be tributes to Kyle Minogue, Elvis Presley, the Shadows, Neil Diamond and Queen.

Strictly Come Dancing star Pasha Kovalev will return with his professional partner Katya Virshilas.

Theatre manager Richard Kay said: "Once again the programme is a balanced mix of professional entertainment whilst providing

tainment whilst providing



Veteran comic Ken Dodd the cream of local talent on

the cream of local talent on the rise to the top. We are certainly blessed in Cannock Chase with a strong and vibrant performing arts heritage. We are delighted to welcome the return of the Stars of Strictly."

"This is just a flavour of what is in store this spring."

For details of all Prince of Wales shows, call the box office on 01543 578762.

Show to really lift the spirits

Carols & Capers with Maddy Prior and The Carnival Band, Town Hall, Birmingham IF YOU want one show to

IF YOU want one show to lift your spirits and put you in the right mood for Christmas then Maddy Prior and The Carnival Band provide it. Celebrating their 25th year Maddy and The Band used almost every instru-ment you could think of and some you probably could-

some you probably could

n't.
Maddy opened with Il
Dulci Jubilo and it was
clear The Band was here to
have fun. She even threw in have fun. She even threw in some Morris dancing before moving on to the thrush, one of a trilogy of bird songs but took a back seat as The Band played Romanian

dances.

The full Carnival Choir was brought on for the second half as Maddy and The Band threw in traditional gards songs in Latin tional carols, songs in Latin from the 13th century mixed with a Latin cha cha mixed with a Latin cha chack a cha beat; decorated the stage with tinsel; gave a wassailing song; a mini panto and even had a dig at the madness of "elf n safety" with a comic ditty.

Danny Farragher

Carpenters story

CANNOCK entertainer Nicky Moran will star as Micky Morain will star as Karen Carpenter in a Prince of Wales Centre tribute show on April 7 next year. Tickets for the The Carpenters Tribute are £15 on 01543 578762.



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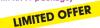


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NEWS

Computer suite set for launch

A NEW Information Technology Centre will be launched in Hednesford in the new year.
Following the improvements made to Pye Green Community Centre, in Bradbury Lane, town councillors want to relaunch a suite to offer free training to residents in the use of word-processing, spreadsheets and cessing, spreadsheets and the internet.

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Councillor Doris Grice said: "It is important that everyone has the opportunity to learn how to use computers as more and more things these days are accessed online. The training the town council is offering is basic and will be provided in an informal friendly atmosphere."

The suite will have workstations for three trainees per session and classes will

stations for three trainees per session and classes will be held throughout the day according to demand. Anyone interested in reg-istering for training or vol-unteering as a trainer should telephone 01543 424872.

Youth club deal signed

A RUGELEY company which specialises in design-ing and fitting out night-clubs and bars across the world has been drafted in to give a youth club teen appeal.

appeal.
GMP in Rugeley, whose designers have transformed

designers have transformed nightclubs in London, Bangkok, Beijing, Tokyo and the French Alps, has come up with a design brief for the Phoenix Youth Centre in Daventry.

The club needed to attract older teens who otherwise would have nowhere to go. The new design includes a stage, dance floor, café, soft drinks bar and Skype pods so members can chat to friends online. friends online.

Business support

CHASE firms could win £1,000 of marketing support in a campaign by Think Local 4 Business. They need to create a profile on www. thinklocal4business.co.uk

Cyclists in Macmillan fundraiser



Janos Toth, centre, from MacMillan Cancer Support, receives a cheque for more than £1,784 from Tony Janes, left and Peter Marklew after the pair's charity bike ride from Torquay in Devon to Newquay in Cornwall

A PAIR of cyclists from Norton Canes have saddled up for an 85-mile from Torquay to Newquay to raise money for Macmillan Cancer

Macmillan Cancer.

Tony Janes and Pete Marklew handed over a cheque for £1,784 to Janos Toth, area fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer Support after receiving donations from friends, family and colleagues.

Tony Janes, said: "We are really pleased to have completed the cycle challenge and I would like to say thank you to all our friends in Norton Canes who sponsored and supported us. We really enjoyed the cycle challenge and we will definitely keep riding our bikes in the future.

Cancer can come unexpectedly to any of us at any time

and Macmillan Nurses are there to help and we are pleased to have supported the charity."

The fundraiser, which crossed the border from Devon into Cornwall, was organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support after Tony's brother, Bobby, who was diagnosed with testicular cancer but has now well on the road to recover:

Mr Toth, said: "It is fantastic that Tony and Pete have completed their cycle challenge to raise money for people affected by cancer. On behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support I would like to thank them."

ower firm profits rise

Aggreko, which has its UK head office in Cannock, expects sales for the year to the end of December to be in

the region of £1.6 billion.

The group, provided power for the London 2012 Olympics, employs 90 at its Voyager Drive base.

The company has seen a 13 per cent growth in revenue this year and a 12 per cent increase in profit before tax to

TEMPORARY power provider around £365m. In its international been over 1,000 MW and it exp power projects business underlying revenues are expected to grow by about 12 per cent in the fourth quarter with growth for the year as a whole expected to be around 15 per cent.

Contracts

Order intake in the fourth quarter has been stronger than in the third, with around 220 megawatts of new

contracts signed to date.

Order intake for the year will have

close out the year with around 10 per cent more capacity on-hire than at the end of 2011

In the local business, underlying rev In the local business, underlying rev-enues, excluding its Olympics contract, are around eight per cent higher in the fourth quarter than in 2011, with growth for the year as a whole expected to be around 12 per cent. Europe and Middle East underlying

revenues for the year are expected to be up around five per cent.

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CLUB NEWS

CHASETOWN TWG____

AN EVENING of festive fun was enjoyed at the last meeting of the year, when the Christmas party was

held.

It was a memorable year, with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games. It was also a year in which members experienced and enjoyed speakers ranging from bee-keeping to physiotherapy, from a Pam Ayres impersonator to the history of Sister Dora.

They enjoyed outings to

history of Sister Dora.

They enjoyed outings to Highclere Castle, The Severn Valley Railway and Arthur Price at Lichfield, with one remaining, a trip to Tatton Park to experience a "Dickensian Christmas".

In celebration of the Queen's 60 years, there was a jubilee strawberry tea, stalls were manned at the Hammerwich Jubilee celebrations and a barbecue were held with money raised for the guild's chosen charity, the "Alzheimer's Cafe" at Chase Terrace.

A cheque for £1,000 was presented to representatives of the Lichfield Stroke Club, last year's chosen charity.

of the Lichfield Stroke Club, last year's chosen charity. The walking group have not had it so good this year with the inclement weather but he craft group has gone from strength to strength. The new year will start with a skittles night early in January. The first meeting will be on January 25 at the WI hall, Hammerwich, at 7.30pm, with a talk on Erasmus Darwin.

Christmas Santa sleighs them party ends guild year on annual town tour



Santa in his sleigh touring Rugeley and surrounds

RUGELEY LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS

SANTA Claus has come to

SANTA Claus has come to town, powered by his team from Rugeley Lions and Rotary Clubs.

He has been making a flying visit to see as many young and old children as he

young and old children as he can before Christmas.
His second week of touring the district took in the Beeches area of Etching Hill, followed by Western Springs, Springfields, Chadsfield and a first time trip to the new estates in Armitage. Santa was then finally home via Prospect Village/Hazelslade and

Upper Longdon.
Any financial contributions will find its way back as presents to support local people who believe in the magic of Father Christmas.

Speaker's travelling tales

AT the November meeting, chairman Hilda Hathaway was pleased to welcome two new members, Savi Chandy

new members, Savi Chandy and Urmila Sathia. A letter of thanks has been received from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birm-ingham for the guild's dona-tion of £150 to the children's unit

unit.
Following a sponsored walk which raised £165, a

CANNOCK TOWNSWOMEN

cheque was sent to the Princess Royal Carer's

Trust.

Speaker for the evening was Peter Martin who gave a slide show of his travels in India and Nepal. The background music and wonderful camera work made one feel

part of the experience, giving members a real insight into the culture and

nsight into the culture and daily life of the people.

The guild meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. at St. Luke's Primary School, New Penkridge Road. There is disability access and parking at the front of the building. For further information call 01543 506347.





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Tributes paid to home brewery firm founder

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Councillor Patrick Corfield at Cannock Library, Manor Avenue, and libraries district manager Karen Yeomans

Wenue, and internes district manager Karen reomans LIBRARIES across Staffordshire have been given £500 worth of Lego to keep young visitors entertained.

Councillor Pat Corfield, who oversees libraries as part of his portfolio, was behind the decision and got the cash through the community fund. He was at Cannock Library in Manor Avenue to hand over the first building blocks.

He said: "You're never too old to enjoy toys like these. They have a lasting appeal that crosses generations."

Cannock, who turned a beloved hobby into a career, has died aged 79. Tributes have been paid to Owen Jones, founder of Jones Homebrew of Cannock.

Mr Jones took a gamble in 1975 when he opened his own

Hobby

Mr Jones, who was originally from Kingstanding but moved to Staffordshire after marrying Olive in 1963, decided to open his own shop after developing a love of home brewing.

"It was his hobby at first," said Miss Jones. "Then he took a gamble and opened his own shop in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, in



Brewer Owen Jones
1975." Three years later,
Olive joined him working at
the shop and there was a
boom as home brewing
became all the rage. The
shop closed in 1986.
Even after retiring, keen
walker and Aston Villa fan
Mr Jones helped his daughter with the stall.
He passed away on

He passed away or December 9 at Stafford Hos pital. His funeral service was held at Stafford Crematorium on Monday.

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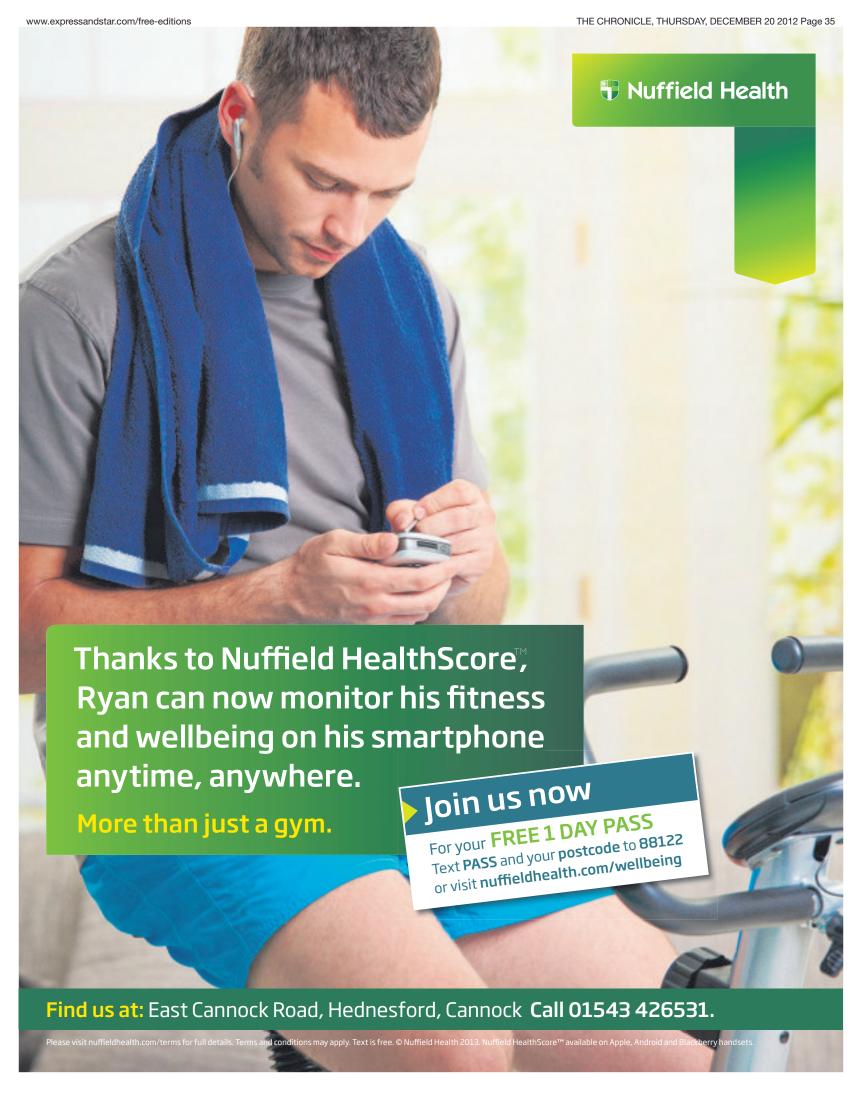
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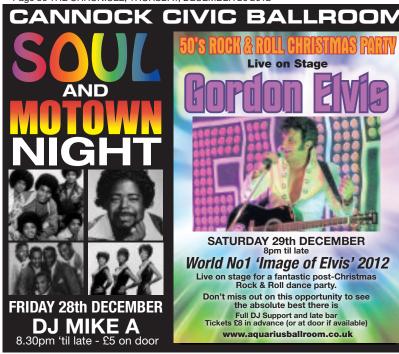


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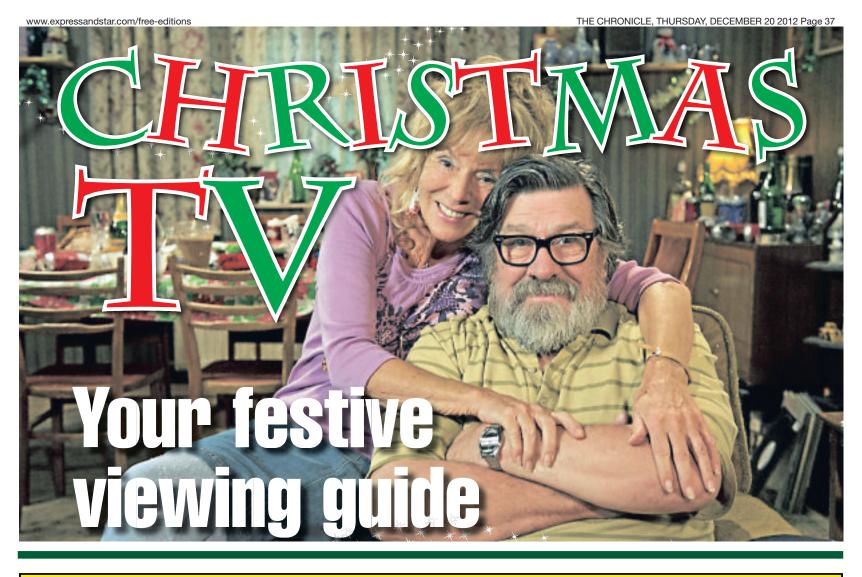
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View

Early



The Mystery of Edwin Drood, psychological thriller

thriller

6.00 CBeebies 7.05 CBBC 12.00 FILM: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) The Pumpkin King of Halloween Town tires of being scary and decides to take over Christmas. Stopmotion animated fantasy, with the voices of Chris Sarandon and Catherine O'Harra. (C) 1.10 FILM: The Sword in the Stone (1963) The wizard Merlin takes the future King Arthur under his wing and teaches him the ways of the world. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ricky Sorenson and Karl Swenson. (C) 2.20 Nigellissima — An Italian Inspired Christmas Nigella Lawson prepares dishes for a Christmas party with an Italian twist, including Parmesan short-breads and turkey breast stuffled with sausage and marsala-steeped cranheries. (C) (R) 3.20 FILM: The Game Plan (2007) An American Tootball star learns he has cancing fatherhood and his sporting career. Family comedy, with Davayne Johnson and Madison Pettis. (C) HR 5.15 The Toys That Made Christmas Robert Webb takes a light-hearted look back at Christmasse past through the toys people played with and loved over the years, including Fuzzy-Felt, Spirograph, Barbie and Meccano. (C) (R)

Channel 4



Slade's Merry Christmas Everybody is in the running, 8pm

5.30 ITV Morning News (f) 6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (f) 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA ms (he host takes his successful talk-show stateside. (f) 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA The host takes his suc-cessful talk-show stateside. (f) 11.20 Murder, She Wrote Jessica tries to ascer-tain whether forus sters are quilty of killing cessful talk-show stateside. (f) 11.20 Murder, She Wrote Jessica tries to ascertain whether four sisters are guilty of killing their wealthy father to benefit from a \$100million inheritance. Drama, starring Angela Lansbury. (f) (f) 12.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather. (f) 12.20 ITV News and Weather Home Lisa Faulkner visits a surf school in Cornwall. (f) 1.35 Holiday Home Sweet Home Lisa Faulkner visits Cornwall, where she receives a lesson in how to market holiday properties, and there is a look at award-winning self-catering cottages in Devon. (f) 2.35 Steppin Out with Katherine Jenkins A cabaret show with the classical singer and star guests. (f) (f) 3.20 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates more camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage including a beaging battle with a praying mantis. (f) (f) 4.20 Central News and Weather; Weather. (f) 4.50 FILM: Back to the Future Part III (1990) Sci-ficomedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. (f)

Four Christmases with Witherspoon and Robert Duval

Robert Duval

6.05 Sali Mali Jackdaw helps Sali Mali when
she gets the flu. (i) (R) 6.10 The Hoobs The
friends visit Peep gardens. (i) (R) 6.35 The
Hoobs her wants to ride in a police car. (i)
(R) 7.00 The Enduroman Arch to Arc
Triathlon 7.30 TBA 7.55 The Morning Line
(i) 8.55 T4: Everybody Loves Raymond
Part one of two. Marie surprises the family.
(i) (R) 9.30 T4: Frasier Roz asks Frasier to
narrate a documentary. (i) (R) 10.00 FILM:
T4: Space Chimps (2008) Premiere. Animated Sci-fi. comedy, with the voice of Andy
Samberg. (i) HH 11.45 T4: The Big Bang
Theory Priya asks Leonard to spend less
time with Penny. (i) (R) 12.10 T4: The Big
Bang Theory Sheldon's online gaming
account is hacked. (i) (R) 12.40 T4: The
Simpsons Homer becomes head of the account is hacked. (i) (R) 12.40 T4: The Simpsons Homer becomes head of the local Mafia. (i) (R) 1.15 T4: The Simpsons Bart becomes a jazz drummer. (i) (R) 1.45 Channel 4 Racing (i) 3.50 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (ii) (R) 4.20 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special Former Big Brother contestant Nick Bateman hosts the second dinner party. (ii) (R) 4.50 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (ii) (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (ii) (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (ii) (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (iii) (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (iii) (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (iii) (R)



Patrick Stewart stars in A Christmas Carol, 8.10pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 TBA 10.05 Dallas Updated version of the soap, following the glamorous lives and vicious feuds of Texas oil dynasty the Ewings. Starring Josh Henderson and Jesse Metcafle. (T) (R) 11.00 Once Upon a Time Fantasy drama, starring Jonnier Morrison. (T) (R) 12.00 Once Upon a Time A second helping of the lantasy drama. Regina steps up her efforts to get Emma out of town. (T) (R) 12.55 FLIM: Orazy for Christmas (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roht. (T) HP 1.245 FLIM: Toxary for Christmas (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roht. (T) HP 1.245 FLIM: Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (2002) Family comedy leaturing the classic song I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, with stars including Connie Sellecca. 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 TBA 10.05 Dallas

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Announcements

"Just-Married"

6 10 Pointless Celebrities

Pointless Celebrities
Alexander Armstrong and
Richard Osman present as
famous faces take part in the
general knowledge quiz. (C)
Strictly Come Dancing
The Final Bruce Forsyth and
Tess Daly present the eagerty
articipated final, the climax of a
series that has seen slips, trips, a
flying bicycle and even dancing
on the judges' table. There has
also been plenty of bicken
also been plenty of bicken
also been plenty of bicken
Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli,
Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey
Bussell, while the celebries
faced their demons on the dance
floor to tackle a range of balleroom
and Latin routines, Tonight will be
no less daunting, with the show
dance offering each of the three
couples the chance to include
lifts, tricks and signature moves in
a bid to win over the public. (C)
Merlin In the penultimate

Merlin In the penultimate episod, Morgana prepares to episod, Morgana prepares to wage war on Camelot, while Merlin finds the burden of his destiny weighing heavy as the ancient prophecies play out with unnerving accuracy. It soon becomes clear that the young wizard must find a way to saw himself before he can helps his allies bring about the salvation of his beloved kingdom. Colin Morgan, Bradley James and Katle McGrath star. (C)
The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws The all-important numbers. (C)
Strictly Come Dancing:
The Results The celebrities

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The Results The celebrities The Results The celebrities return to the ballroom one last time, and following an elimination just two couples remain to battle it out for the glitterball trophy. While the votes are counted, all this year's contest-ants take to the dance floor for a final routine, and as the tension mounts, the names of the 2012 champions are revealed. (C) BBC News; Weather (C)

Match of the Day Gabby Match of the Day Gabby Logan is joined by Alan Hansen to present highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Manchester City v Reading at the Ethad Stadium and Wigan Athletic v Arsenal at the DW Stadium. Plus, Liverpool v Fulham, Newcastle United v Queens Park Rangers, Southampton v Sunderland, Tottenham Hotspur v Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion v Norwich City and West Ham United v Everton. (C)

Porridge Barrowclough and Mackay discover Fletch is cooking up some home brew, and the crafty con seems certain to spend Christmas in solitary confinement. Festive edition of the classic comedy from 1976 starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale. (C) (R) 6 40

TOTP2 Christmas 2012 (C) 9.00

TOTP2 Christmas 2012 (C)
Never Mind the Buzzocoks
Xmas Special Another round
of the comedy music quiz. (C)
The Mystery of Edwin
Drood Psychological thriller
based on Charles Dickens'
unfinished final novel. Choirmaster John Jasper is a troubled
man, frustrated by his life in the
claustrophobic cathedral to the
claustrophobic cathedral to the
claustrophobic cathedral to the
copium as he seeks to expand his
horizons and obsessed with the
T-year-old Rosa. The only thing
standing between him and the
girl is his own nephew, Edwin
Drood. Matthew Brys, Tamzin
ther first of this two-part adaptation. (C) (R) 9.30

tion. (C) (R)

The Mystery of Edwin 10.30 The Mystery of Edwin

Drood Psychological drama.

Jasper awakes in the gatehouse
and to his horror sees the black
scarf wound tightly round his
hands, reminding him of the murderous events of the night
before. Despite his feelings of
guilt, as the weeks pass he seeks
solare in his passion for Roca guilt, as the weeks pass he seeks solace in his passion for Rosa Bud – but as he begins to reach for his prize, the Crisparkle and Bazzard are following a trail of evidence to the cathedral crypt that may yet

seal the choirmaster's fate.
Conclusion of the period thriller
based on Charles Dickens'
unfinished final novel, starring

unfinished final novel, starring Matthew Rhys and Tamzin Merchant. (C) (R) The Story of Fairytale of New York The making of the classic Christmas song, recorded by lirish group. The Pogues, and featuring Britishinger Kirsty MacColl, who tragically died in a swimming actient protecting her sons. The folk song, released originally in 1987, has become a perennial Christmas classic (C) (R) 11.30

Paddy's 2012 Show and Telly Paddy McGuinness hosts a celebrity quiz in which three pairs of familiar faces answer questions about the past year's dramas, documentaires, sport-grams, documentaires, sport-grams, documentaires, sport-grams shows. Strictly Come Dancing's Denise Van Outen and Nicky Byrne, newsreaders Kate Garraway and Nicholas Owen, and Cornation Street's Antony Cotton (Sean Tully) and Chris Fountian' (Tommy Duckworth) face a series of elimination orunds as they battle to win up to 7 00 Paddy's 2012 Show and

rounds as they battle to win up to £20,000 for charity. (T)

The Nation's Favourite Christmas Song To mark the 70th anniversary of the release of the best-selling festive song of the best-selling festive song of all time — Bing Crosby's White Christmas — this documentary counts down the top 20 tunes guaranteed to get people in the Christmas spirit, as voted for by the public. Featuring hits such as Wizzard's I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday, Fainytale of New York by the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl, Slade's Merry Amas Everybody and Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You, the programme tells the stories behind these ever-popular seasonal favourites. Christmas Song To mark the stories behind these ever-popular seasonal favourites, with contributions by Cliff Richard, Jona Lewie, Paul Young, Aled Jones, Noddy Holder, Shane MacGowan, Greg Lake, Katherine Jenkins and

many more. (T)
The Jonathan Ross Show The host presents a celebrity-packed festive edition of his chat show. Funnyman Michael McIn-tyre pulls a few Christmas cracktyre pulls a few Christmas crack-ers, Sienna Miller talks about her new BBC drama The Girl, Sheri-dan Smith has two TV shows to plug — Mr Stink and Pantol — and Jamie Oliver cooks up a few yuletide treats. Welsh songbird Charlotte Church provides the music, and Paralympics stars Ellie Simmonds and Jonnie Peacock are also in the studio. Plus, a performance by Slava's Snowshow. Cl

ITV News and Weather; Weather, (T)

Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) Sci-fi action adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. (T)

The Snowman Raymond Briggs' festive favourite, a word-less animated fantasy telling the story of a small boy whose snowman magically comes to life and whisks him off on the journey of a lifetime to the North Pole. (T) 6 25

6.55 7.00 Channel 4 News Including

sport and weather. (T)

4thought.tv A Muslim who campaigns to integrate Islamic values with British society calls on all members of the faith to respond to blasphemy in a rational and non-

iolent manner. (1 violent manner. (1)
Stephen Fry: Gadget Man
Stephen has a look at technology
for the health and fifness market,
testing the latest gym gadgets
and receiving a makeover from
former Towle star Amy Childs —
who uses some weird and won-7.30 who uses some weird and worl-derful beauty devices. Other gadgets on the show include an app that predicts how long people will live, a hi-tech treadmill and a device that claims to make the user slimmer in just 30 minutes Stephen also attempts to build the ultimate running machine that will enable him to race against double Olympic champion Kelly Holmes. (1)

Holmes, (f)
My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas One-off special following
the Insh travelling community
during the lestive season, featuing their Yuletde preparations for
2010, as well as two typicalls
communion ceremony, Celebrity
Big Brother Winner Paddy
Doherty and his wife Roseanne
also invite the cameras into their 8.00 also invite the cameras into their Salford home on Christmas Day, and the film introduces new fami-lies to the viewers. (T) (R)

Four Christmases (2008) Four Christmases (2008) Premiere A couple, both of whom's parents are divorced, have always managed to avoid family Christmases by travelling overseas. However, when their flight is cancelled, all four parents insist they spend the day with them — forcing them to get through four family Christmases on the same day. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon. (T)

10.45 **Die Hard 2 (1990)** Tough cop Die Hard 2 (1990) rougn cop John McClane arrives at an airport to pick up his wife but finds himself plunged into a bloody life-or-death struggle. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, William Sadler, Franco Nero and William Atherton. (T) Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010) The kindly Mrs Merkle takes a job in the toy section of a financially struggling department store. She helps the downtrodden manager to enjoy a happy Christmas for once by making a success of the business and finding love. Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts, Eric Johnson, Jewel Staite and Lauren Holly.

5 News Weekend Round-up of the day's headlines from around the world. (T) 8.05

8 10 A Christmas Carol (1999) A Christmas Carol (1999)
Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge
loathes the Christmas season
until, late one night, he is
visited by a series of ghosts
who intend to change his
attitude by showing him
visions of his past, his present visions of his past, his present and the fate that will await him if he continues with his cold-hearted behaviour. An excellent daptation of Dickens' classic tale, with an imposing Patrick Stewart, magnificent Richard E Grant, Joel Grey, Ian McNeice, Saskia Reeves, Tim Potter and Desmond Barrit. (T)

An Audience with Ken Dodd Comedy and enterlainment from Knotty Ash's favourite funnyman, and a man who is particularly fond of Shropshie. This comedian never knows when to stop and regularly overuns his performances as he did recording this. In a programme originally aired in 1994 to mark his 40th year in showbusiness. Among the celebrity and appreciative audience helping him celebrate are the late Irish comic Frank Carson, Paul Daniels, Jane Horrocks. Bellinda Lang, Carol Vorderman, Warren Mitchell and Kevin Whately. The show is condensed into two hours -when Doddy takes to the stage for his legendary live stand-up act, it goes on much longer... (1) (h) 10.00 An Audience with Ken

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12.00 The Football League Show Action from today's games. (C) 1.15 Weatherview (C) 1.20 Sign Zone: Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane Part one of two. Profile of the veteran rock band. (C) (R) 2.20 Sign Zone: Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane Concluding part of the documentary charting the 50-year career of the band. (C) (R) 3.20 Sign Zone: Nigellissima — An Italian Inspired Christmas Nigella Lawson prepares festive dishes with an Italian twist. (C) (R) 4.20 BBC News 4.20 BBC News 4.20 BBC News 4.30 Click. 5.00 BBC News. 5.30 Brazil: Welcoming the World. (C)

12.25 QI David Tennant, Bill Bailey and Lee Mack join regular panellist Alan Davies to answer questions with a grooy theme, with points awarded for the answers host Slephen Fry finds most interesting, (O (F) back at some of the highlights of the latest series of the comedy quiz, in which team captains Noel Fielding and Phill Jupitus were joined by guest hosts including Lee Mack, Kathy Burke, Richard Ayoade, Nick Grimshaw, Ne-Yo, Example and Jack Whitehall, Last in the series, (C) (F) 1.25 FILM: Film TBA 3.25 Close

1.45 Jackpot247 Viewers are offered the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with an entertaining mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. Featuring a variety of prizes and promotions. 3.15 in Plain Sight Mary protects a pair of brothers — one of whom develops a gambling addiction. Mary McComack stars. (1) (R) 4.05 ITV Nightscreen Text-based information service.

1.00 FILM: Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (2010) Premiere. Comedy horror, starring Onni Tommila. (English Subtitles) 2.25 Hollyoaks Ornibus. Cheryl doubts where Ste's affections truly lie, and Texas worries her big secret might be exposed as Dodger and Sienna spend more time together. (T) 4.30 90210 Annie is forced to make a decision that could expose her work as an escort when Dixon gets arrested in connection with a fire. Adrianna and Silver try to put their past behind them, and Vannessa organiese a concert by rock band the All-American Rejects to relaunch Liam's bar. (T) 5.10 Sailing With Mario Andretti. (T)

12.00 SuperCasino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of router-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 Michaela Wild Challenge Michaela learns about meerkats. (1) (R) 4.25 Great Artists Profile of Tiziano Vecellio, known as Titian. (1) (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes Morocco, Kernya and Nicaragua. (1) (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline Gwenda the giraffe strugolas to share he best friend. (1) (H) 3.05 hands a Religinite Gwerlold the giraffe struggles to share her best friend. (T) (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show The housemates stay in their pryamas during a storm. (T) (R) 5.40 Thomas & Friends A funfair arrives on the island. (T) (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car Maxi becomes afraid of racing. (T) (R)

Can Villa striker Benteke bring down the Blues?

bring down the Blues?

6.00 Breakfast News, sport and entertainment reports. (C) 7.30 Match of the Day Gabby Logan presents highlights of vesterday's Premier League clashes, including Manchester City v Reading at the Ethad Stadium and Wigan Athletic v Arsenal at the DW Stadium. (C) (R) 9.00 David Suchet In the Footsteps of St Paul Part one of two. The actor tracks the man who brought Christianity to the masses. (C) 10.00 The Nativity Retelling of the biblical story, starring Andrew Buchan and Tatiana Maslany. (C) (R) 11.00 Fern Britton Meets Dionne Warwick The singer discusses her life. Last in the series. (C) 12.00 BBC News; Westher. (C) 12.10 Countryfile Matt Baker and Julia Brachury vist an RSP5 reserve in Norfolk. (C) (R) 1.05 TBA 1.55 PILM: Cool Runnings (1989) Fact-based comedy about four Jamalcans who became the first bobsleight 1988 Winter Olympics. Starring John Candy, Leon and Doug E Doug. (C) HHH 3.30 The Borrowers Fantasy adventure, starring Stephen Fry and Christopher Eccleston. (C) (R) 4.55 Songs of Praise David Grant presents carols by candle-light. (C) 5.30 Nigel Stater's 12 Tastes of David Grant presents carols by candle-light. (C) 5.30 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas Part two of two. Centrepieces, sweet treats and making clever use of leftsweet treats a overs. (C) (R)

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Sarah Millican Television Programme Xmas 2012

6.00 CBeebies 6.45 CBBC 10.00 Satur-day Kitchen Best Bites James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from the past year in the kitchen. (C) 11.30 The Great British Bake Off Christmas Masterclass Mary in the kitchen. (C) 11.30 The Great British Bake Off Christmas Masterclass Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood demonstrate how to make a number of festive favourites, including mince pies and Christmas pudding, as well as new recipes for tasty treats. (C) (R) 12.30 FLIu. The Preacher's Wife (1996) Romantic fantasy remake, starring Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington. (C) HH 2.30 Escape to the Country People search for their ideal rural retreats. (C) (R) 3.30 FLog at the team visits locations around the British shoreline, telling stories and investigating mysteries that have played an important role in the nation's heritage. (C) (R) 3.30 Flog tt People are invited to try to make money by selling their articuses at auction. (C) (R) 4.30 FlLMr First Knight (1995) A wandering swordsman is made a knight at wandering swordsman is made a knight at King Arthur's court, where he falls in love with the monarch's queen. Adventure, starring Richard Gere, Sean Connery and Julia Ormond. (C)





Vintage Carry On comedy in the Wild West, 1.45pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 There's No Taste Like bow C11V 9.29 Inere's No laste Like Home Gino D'Acampo travels to Ciltheroe in Lancashire, where he helps three home cooks prepare their family recipes for a Turkish chicken dish, fish pie and French veal. (f) 10.20 Dinner Date Ken from Worcester takes part in the matchmaking show, choosing three blind dates from five potential partners, based entirely on menus they have created. (f) [8] 11.20 All Star Family Fortunes Singer Suzanne Shaw takes on Coronation Street's William Shaw takes on Coronation Street's William Roache, 17, (R) 12.05 ITV News and Weather; Weather (П) 12.15 Columbo 1.45 FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) A timid English sanitation expert is mistakenly made sheriff of a lawless Wild West town plagued by notorious outlaw the Rumpo Kid. Comedy Western, starring, Jim Dale and Sid James. (I) 3.30 FILM: Twins 11988) (Genetically designed twin brothers) Dale and Sid James. (1) 3.30 FILM: Twins (1988) Genetically designed twin brothers who were separated at birth set out on an adventure in search of their long-lost mother. Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. (1) 5.30 You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage. (1) (R)

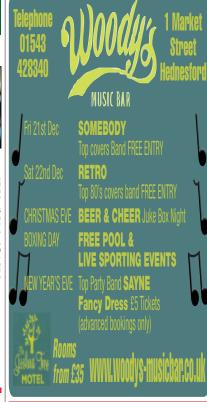


Damian Lewis stars in Homeland on at 9pm

6.05 The Hoobs The friends visit Peep gardnes. (T) (F) 6.30 The Hoobs lave wants to ride in a police car. (T) (R) 6.55 TBA 7.50 TBA 7.55 The Bear A large furry bear arrives from the zoo to take up temporary residence with a little girl and her parents. Heart-warming children's animation from the pen of Raymond Briggs. (T) (R) 8.25 Frasier Niles and Frasier try to help their old school. (T) (R) 9.00 Frasier Niles spoils Frasier's new radio show. (T) (R) 9.30 Xmas Sunday Brunch Festive edition. Guests include The Gypsy Queens. (T) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory Amy and Sheldon start a gossip experience. 6.05 The Hoobs The friends visit Pergardens. (T) (R) 6.30 The Hoobs Iver war Ouerers. (1) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. Amy and Shaldon start a gossip experiment. (1) (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. Phyla finds a loophole in the room-mate agreement. (1) (R) 1.00 The Simpsons Marge starts a carpentry business, but quickly learns she will need more than mere skill if her venture is to succeed. Fearing sexism, she appoints Homer as af figurehead. (1) (R) 1.30 Kirstle's Vintage Christmas Kirstle Allsopp shows how to add the perfect festive touches. (1) (R) 2.30 Deal or No Deal Game show, with Noel Edmonds. (1) 3.30 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross A countdown of the nation's favourite games and playthings. (1) (R)

Billy Bob Thornton is Bad Santa, on at 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 TBA 10.15 Dallas JR secretly moves the Southfork deal along, but becomes suspicious of John Ross's relationship with the lot Sols, while Rebecca suggests Christopher should cancel their honeymoon. (I) (R) 11.15 Once Upon a Time Prince Charming is ambushed by feistly thief Snow White. (I) (R) 12.15 Once Upon a Time Cinderella regrets making a deal with Birmoetellitein and servers making a deal with Birmoetellitein. (h) 12.13 Orice Upon a Time Unidereital regrets making a deal with Rumpelstitiskin. (T) (R) 1.15 FILM: The Santa Suit (2010) Comedy, starring Kevin Sorbo. HH 3.00 FILM: It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie (2002) Festive comedy, with Joan Cusack and Whoopi Goldberg. HH 4.45 FILM: The Family Man (2000)



6 00 BBC News; Regional News

and Weather (C)
Countryfile Matt Baker and 6.30 Julia Bradbury bring us the latest rural developments, including reports on issues affecting country communities and reports on issues affecting country communities and insights into the life of the modern farmer. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. (C) Antiques Roadshow Fiona

8.30

Bruce presents a look back at the most important and talked-about finds from the most recent series, including highlights from the programmes themselves, as well as updates on the items whether they went to auction were kept or were lent to exhibi-tions. (C)

were kept or were lent to exhibitions. (C)

Loving Miss Hatto Drama about classical planist Joyce Hatto, written by Victoria Wood. The story begins in early-1950s London, when she met her future husband William Barrington-Coupe, and tells their love story right up until 50 years later. With his wife stricken by cancer, record producer William released other musicians' work under her name, which became known as one of the biggest number faruds ever. Francesca Andrews and well will be ast. (C)

BBC News; Regional News and Weather (C)

and Weather (C) 10.25 Match of the Day 2 Mark Match of the Day 2 Mark
Chapman is joined by Alan
Shearer and Dion Dublin to
present highlights of today's
Premier League fixtures, which
were Swansea City v Manchester United at the Liberty Stadium
and Chelsea v Aston Villa at
Stamford Bridge. United earned
a 1-0 win in last season's corresponding fixture against the
Swans, while the Blues suffered
a shock '3-1 home defeat at the Swans, while the Blues suffered a shock 3-1 home defeat at the hands of the Villans last term, an outcome that the visitors will have been desperate to emulate to aid them in their fight against relegation. Plus, all the goals from yesterday's fixtures. (C)

The Graham Norton Show With movie legend Dustin Hoffman, comedy double-act Billy Connolly and Jennifer Saunders and the current Doctor Who star Matt Smith. (C) (R)

6.35 The Morecambe and Wise

The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show Festive fun from 1973 with the ever-popular comedy duo and guests Vanessa Redgrave, Hannah Gordon, Rudolf Nueryev, Laurence Olivier and Andre Previn, all proving they are game for a laugh. Comic highlights include what is probably the couple's most famous sketch, which takes place in Eric and Ernie's bedroom. (C) (R) Victoria Wood With All the Trimmings The comedienne

Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings The comedienne sends up Christmas TV in a festive special from 2000. Guest stars including Julie Walters, Alan Rickman, Pete Postlethwaite, Cella Inrie, James Bolam, Delia Smith, Richard E Grant, Derek Jacobi, Alan Titchmarsh, Michael Parkinson and Imedia Staunton pop up in pasticheds of everything from a big-band show from the 1950s to a Dickens period drama. (C) (R)
Morecambe & Wise: Song & Dance Sketches More classic clowning from the legandary double act who have been a Christmas institution for decades (C)

8.30

been a Christmas institution for decades (C)

James May's Toy Stories:
Flight Club The Top Gear presenter investigates the enduring appeal of the model aerophane and sets out with the intention of achieving the first flight across the Channel by an engineless, homemade supersized toy—breaking the British distanceord in the process During his quest, James turns Indiana onces to unearth surprising new evidence identifying children as the true joined on the production of the pro 9.30

sion Programme Xmas 2012 The award-winning come-dienne hosts a special Christ-mas edition of her show, in which she delivers short stand-up rou-tines inspired by festive TV. Sarah is joined by Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville and Shane Richie of EastEnders for a spot of Yuletide conversation. (C) sion Programme Xmas

11 00 Victoria Wood: As Seen on TV The comedienne reflects on her television career with a com-bination of sketches, stand-up and songs. (C) (R)

6.00

views and
Weather; Weather. (T)
You've Been Framed!
Comedian Harry Hill narrates a
selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage. (T) (R)
Ade's Christian

7.00

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Ade's Christmas Crackers
Comic Ade Edmondson delves
deep into the television archives
to share some broadcasting
gems and moments of TV gold
which have been broadcast over
the past 60 years (f)

The Cube TV presenter
Melanie Sykes tackles up to
seven seemingly simple challenges inside the giant transparent box, aiming to win £250,000
for good causes. Diversity start
Ashley Banjo also takes a short at
sooping the charity jackpot —
but will his 6ft s frame come in
andy as the cube presents him
with a series of fiendishly difficult
tasks? The contestants both
receive nine lives at the start, but
with seach one they lose, the
pressure mounts. Phillip
Schoffield hosts. (f)
Doors Open Bored millionaire 8.00

Doors Open Bored millionaire Doors Open Bored millionaire Mike Mackenzie is a man with a broken heart and too much time on his hands. Incensed by wealthy patrons hiding works of art away in private collections, he and two close friends — a professor and a banker — devise a plot to swap priceless masterpieces stored in a gallery's warehouse with near-perfect forgeries. If successful, Milke will save the naintinos and might hust torgeries. If successful, Mike will, save the paintings and might just win back the love of his life, auctioneer Laura Stanton, who left him five years earlier. Thriller based on the book by lan Rankin, starring Douglas Henshall, Stephen Fry, Kenneth Collard, Lenora Crichlow and Brian McCardie. (T)

11.00

Brian McCardie. (T)
ITV News and Weather;
Weather. (T)
Fool Britannia Hiddencamera pranks, with Dom Joly
poking fun at what it means to be
British, with a string of eccentric
pranks. (T) (R)
Premiership Rugby Union 11.15

11.45 Action from the latest round of fixtures. (T)

Channel 4 News Including a round-up of the day's sport and 6.30

4thought.tv John Holme talks about becoming a Christian and shares his belief that humans are 6.55 born sinners. (T)

bom sinners. (I)
Night at the Museum
(2006) A new nightwatchman at New York's Museum
of Natural History discovers
his job entails more than he
bargained for. Once night
bargained for. Once night
spell brings the museum
exhibits to life, entangling
him in a riofous struggle to
restore peace and order
before the sun rises and visitors arrive, Fantasy comedy, 7.00

9.00 Homeland US marine Nicholas Brody is rescued from captivity in Afghanistan, eight years after going missing in action. He returns home to a hero's welcome — but ClA agent Carrie Mathison believes there is more to his case than meets the eye, and suspects he is secretly working on behalf of a notorious terrorist. Thiller, starring Claire Danes, Damian Lewis, Morena Baccarin, Mandry Patinkin and David Harewood. (I)

Peep Show Comedy chronicling the rather chaotic friendship and private innermost thoughts of two misfits with an unhealthy reliance on one another. Robert Weebb and David Mitchell star. (T)

Dorian Gray (2009) A nalve Homeland US marine Nicholas

10.30 **Dorian Gray (2009)** A naive Dorian Gray (2009) A naive Victorian man unthinkingly sells his soul for eternal youth, wishing that a portrait of him should age instead. His wish is granted and he is drawn into a life of debauchery by a hedonis-tic lord, while over the years, the painting becomes increasingly horrific as it reflects his corrupt true, nature. Horror, based on on Oscar Wilde's short story, star-ring Ben Barnes, Colin Firth and Ben Chaplin. (T)

5 News Weekend Round-up 7 00 of the day's headlines across the UK and from around the world

Christmas with the Kranks (2004) A married couple from Chicago decide to steer clear of the usual festive celebrations and keep their cash for a holiday in the sun, prompting a busybody neighbour to call on the young and old members of the community to pull out all the stops to make them change their minds. Festive comedy that's a little disappointing when you consider the quality of the cast. Based on a novel by John Grisham, starring Jamile Lee Curtis, Tim Allen, Dan Aykroyd and M Emmet Walsh. 7.05

9.00 Bad Santa (2003) A Bad Santa (2003) A grumpy alcoholic safecracker takes a job as an in-store Father Christmas with a view to robbing his employers' premises — but a builled kid, a Santa-loving barmaid and an overzealous security guard look set to wreck his plans for an inside job. Thought-providing black comedy, starring a great performance from a spot-on Billy Bob Thornton, Tony Cox, Brett Kelly, Lauren Graham, Bernie Mac and John Ritter.

11.05 Superbad (2007) Teen comedy, starring Jonah Hill and Michael Cera. Two immature high school students, who have been almost inseparable best pals, are forced to deal with separation anxieties at this local section. deal with separation anxietie as their plans to host a booze fuelled party go badly awry.







12.10 FILM: Grumpy Old Men (1993) Cornedy, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. (C) 1.50 Weatherview (C) 1.55 Sign Zone: Film 2012 Reviews of Jack Reacher, Pitch Perfect, Life of Pi and Midnight's Children. (C) (R) 2.25 Sign Zone: Holby Cify Michael jeopardises his relationship with Ramona. (C)(R) 3.20 Sign Zone: Holby Cify Michael jeopardises his relationship with Ramona. (C)(R) 3.20 Sign Zone: Nigel Stater's 12 Tastes of Christmas Part one of two. Chirelpicecs, sweet treats and making clever use of leftovers. (C) (R) 4.20 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalk. 5.00 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalk. 5.00 BBC News. (C)

12.30 QI Stephen Fry presents the comedy quiz, with outspoken actor and explorer Brian Blessed, and comedians Sean Lock and Ross Noble joining regular Alan Davies Brian Blessed, and comedians Sean Look and Ross Noble joining regular Alan Davies to answer questions on the theme of ice. (C) (R) 1.00 FILM: Film TBA H 3.15 FILM: The Four Feathers (2002) Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger. (C) HHE 20 Clear 5.20 Close

12.45 Jackpot247 Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix froulette-wheel spins and lively chaft from the presenting team. 2.45 River Monsters the presenting team. 2.45 River Monsters Jeremy Wade heads to Thailand in search of the glant freshwater stingray, one of the world's largest and most terrifying river fish. Armed with a venomous 10in barb on the end of its whip-like tail, this 700lb predator tests the extreme angler to his physical limits, eventually snapping his rod and ripping his bicep. (T) (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen

12.30 C4 Comedy Presents: Them from That Thing Part two of two. Sketches, with Blake Harrison and Morgana Robinson. (T) (R) 1.00 American Football Live A match from the NFL. (T) 4.45 Supernanny US The Froebrichs ask. Jo Frost to help them control their children, whose behaviour has grown worse due to the stress of their grandmother coming to live with them. (T) 5.25 90/21 0.4 Annie volunteers to organise a major charity event, hoping it will enable her to put her inheritance to good use. Naomi makes a risky bid to secure a client for her new business. (T) 6.35 FILM: Andre (1994) Family drama, starring Keith Caradine. (T) H

1.15 Super Casino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 4.00 House Doctor A cluttered flat in Hammersmith. (() (R) 4.25 House Doctor A country cottage in Northamptonshire. (1) (R) 4.50 Rough Guide To Antwerp, Dublin and Tel Aviv. (1) (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline Katy the kitten hopes to become a musician. (1) (F) 5.15 The Milkshakel Show Shake tries to build a snowman. (1) (R) 5.40 Thomas & Friends Duncan transports a bell. (1) (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car Molecom wants to be more musical. (1) (R)

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Agnes finds herself facing her busiest Christmas ever, 10.10pm

6.00 Breakfast Round-up of national and international news, plus the latest from the money markets. (C) 9.00 David Suchet: In international news, plus the latest from the money markets. (c) 9.00 David Suchet: in the Footsteps of \$t Paul Part two of two. How Paul brought Christianity to the Mediterranean word: (C) 10.00 The Nativity Conclusion. Joseph still cannot accept Mary's pregnancy, but as the people turn against her, Joachim begs his son-in-law to take her to safety in Bethlehem. (C) (R) 11.00 TBA 12.00 BBC News; Weather (C) 12.15 Regional New William Moseley. (C) 4.10 TBA 5.05 FILM: Lady and the Tramp (1955) A pet dog is driven from her home, and learns to live on the streets with the aid of a rogulish stray. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Barbara Luddy and Larry

Early View

Prime Time



And it's Merry Christmas from them . . . The Two Ronnies

in his nativity play. Comedy, starring Martin Freeman and Ashley Jensen. (C) HH 5.25 Dad's Army Frazer is unable to hide his delight when Captain Mainwaring's disrep-utable brother gateorashes a sherry party for local dignitaries. Classic comedy, star-ring Arthur Lowe. (C) (R)



Jim Carrey is The Grinch in this film fantasy at 4.45pm

at 4.45pm

3.0 ITV Morning News (1) 6.00 CITV (1) 8.15 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (2001) The curious quintet are transported inside a video game, and must battle their way out through puzzles and mazes. Animated adventure, with the voices of Bob Bergen and Scott Innes. (1) HHH 9.25 FILM: Dennis (1993) A well-meaning little boy's inability to stay out of trouble consistently infuriates his curmudgeonly old neighbour. Slapstick comedy, starring Walter Matthau and Mason Gamble. (1) 11.10 Dinner Date Matchmaking show in which contestants choose three blind dates based entirely on menus created by five potential partner. (1) 12.10 ITN News and obtential partners. (T) 12.10 ITV News and Weather (T) 12.30 The Chase Bradle Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (T) (R) 1.30 One Martin Comedy drama, starring Martin Clunes. (T) (R) 3.30 Rod Stewart's Christ-mas The rock star performs festive songs at Stirling Castle. (T) (R)



Channel 4

The Snowman and the Snowdog, animated film at 7pm

7.25 Famous Fred Animation about a singing cat, with the voice of Lenny Henry. (f) (R) 7.55 FM 8.00 Ivor the Invisible Children's animation. (f) (R) 8.30 FILM: Christmas Carol: The Movie (2001) Animated drama, with the voices of Simon Callow and Kate Winslet. (f) HH 10.05 The Big Bang Theory Amy and Penny use Bernaddett or spy on Leonard and Priya. (f) (R) 10.35 The Big Bang Theory Howard tells his mother he is engaged to Howard tells his mother he is engaged to Bernadette. (T) (R) 11.05 The Simpsons Lisa becomes a Buddhist. (T) (R) 11.35 The Lisa becomes a Buddhist. (T) (R) 11.35 The Simpsons Bart is caught shoplifting. (T) (R) 12.10 FILM: The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) Puppet comedy, starring Michael Caine. (T) 1.50 FILM: Scrooged (1988) Christmas comedy. starring Bill Michael Caine. (1) 1.50 FILM: Scrooged (1988) Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray. (1) 3.45 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner Noel Edmonds hosts a seasonal edition of the game show. (1) 4.45 The Simpsons Hallowen-inspired tales. (1) (8) 5.15 The Simpsons With the guest voice of Kilefer Sutherland. (7) (8) 5.45 Channel 4 News including sport and weather. (1) 5.55 4thought.tv Members of the public reflect on religious issues. (7)



The Queen at Cosford as part of her Jubilee Tour, at 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 TBA 9.50 Dallas JF decides to move back to Southfork — but a dark cloud looms on the horizon as the Ewings' old adversary Cliff Barnes makes an unwelcome return. (T) (R) 10.45 TBA 11.45 Once Upon a Time The mine collapses, trapping Henry and Archie inside. (T) (R) 12.40 Once Upon a Time Prince Charming is slain by an archie (f) (R) 12.40 Once Upon a Time Prince Charming is alain by an opponent after a tournament. (f) (R) 1.40 FILM: Mistletoe Over Manhattan (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Troia Helfer and Greg Bryk. (f) 3.30 FILM: Lost Holiday: The Jim and Suzanne Shemwell Story (2007) Fact-based drama, starring Dylan Walsh and Jami Gertz. (f) 5.15 FILM: Scrooge—A Christmas Carol (1891) Charles Dickens' fantasy, starring Alastair Sim. HilbiH

RBC News; Weather. (C)

Midlands Today; Weather. (C) 6.45 A Christmas Carol (2009) A Christmas Carol (2009) Premiera. A foul-tempered Vic-torian miser who hates the festive season is visited on Christmas Eve by a series of phosts. The spirits intend to make him mend his wicked ways by showing him visions of the past, the present and what the future will hold for him if he does not change for the better.

Merlin As a fierce battle rages on Camlann's mightly plain, just as the prophecies foresaw. Merlin must lind the strength to overcome his greatest challenge Camelot. As he flights to sever the kingdom from the attacking hordes and keep Arthur safe from harm, the young wizard must finally come face to face with his destiny. The last-ever episode of the magical adventure seriess. (C) 8.15

9.00 EastEnders Max and Tanya call off the wedding after Lauren's alcohol-fuelled outburst. Alfie soldiers on, while Lola is devastated when Phill tells her Lola will not be home for Christmas. (C)

home for Christmas. (C)
Outnumbered Christmas
Special The Brockmans do
their bit for the community by
throwing a Christmas party for
their friends and neighbours—
but as they might have known,
things don't go as planned. Jake
seems to have fallen in with a bad
crowd, Karen would rather be
chatting online and Pete's mum 9.30 has turned up unexpectedly. The has turned up unexpectedly. The quests aren't exactly a barrel of laughs either, as they include Sue's friend Jane, whose love life is a disaster zone, traumatised ex-weatherman Ray and opin-ionated neighbour Ray. However, the party games seem to go with a swing, thanks to organiser Ben.(2)

10.10 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes MTS DFOWN'S DOYS Agnes finds herself facing her busiest Christmas ever, with Trevor stopping over, her grandson Bono staying on Christmas Eve and Dermo's triplets all arriving too. If that wasn't enough to juggle, she decides to take on the task of staging a Nativity play. The first of two festive editions of the comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll. (C)

To be confirmed BBC News; Weather. (C)

Midnight Mass from Leeds Cathedral Live service from St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. (C)

Annes Cameeral in Leeos. (c)

1.05 FILM: Film TBA 2.35 Weatherview
(c) 2.40 BBC News 2.40 Asia Business
Report. News from the markets. 2.45 Sport
Today. News and results from around the
world. 3.00 BBC News. 3.30 Asia Business
Report. News from the markets. 3.45 Sport
Today. News and results from around the
world. 4.00 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalk.
Stephen Sackurtalks to people making the
headlines. 5.00 BBC News. 5.30 World
Business Report. The latest business
news, with informed analysis. 5.45 BBC
News. (C)

Carols from King's The solo chorister singing the opening verse of Once in Royal David's City from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, marks the beginning of Christmas for the beginning of Christmas from King's tells the Christmas story through readings from the King names Bible and poems by Rainer Maria Rike, William Austin and Laurie Lee. The world-famous King's College Choir, under the direction of Stephen Cleobury, sings carols including Ding Dong Merrily on High, Away in a Manger, The Holly and the byg God Hest fe Merry Gentlemen, We Three Kings, in the Bleak Mildwinter, Silent Night and Harl's The Herald Angles Sins, (c)

The Herald Angels Sing. (C)

Dragons' Den Christmas Dragons Den Christmas Special For the first time the Den opens its doors purely for commerce at Christmas, with nine entrepreneurs representing its businesses descend the stairs to pitch their festive ideas in the hope of securing a cash injection from the five multimilionaries. Alongside normal proceedings, there will be insights into the approach to take during ceedings, there will be insights into the approach to take during the seasonal trading period as well as the pitfalls that can come with success. There is also a catch up with a few of the entrepreneurs — some who succeeded in gaining the Dragons' support and others who did not — to find out whether they hit it being this year. Evan Davis presents. (c)

8.20 Open All Hours Shopkeeping

Open All Hours Shopkeeping comedy, with Ronnie Barker as at the miserly Arkwright, David Jason as his downtrodden nephew and Lynda Baron as Nurse Gladys Emmanuel. (C) (R) Porridge Fletch discovers fellow inmates at Slade Prison are planning to escape — and decides to hide in the hospital so he cannot be blamed when the tunnel is discovered. Festive edition of the classic comedy from 1975, starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale. (C) (R)

Ronnie Barker: The Many

Faces Of.. (C)
The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordings A collection of unedited takes from the classic comedy show, featuring both famous and more obscure sketches. (C) (R) 10.30

Being Ronnie Corbett Doc-umentary charting the come-dian's long career. (C) (R) 11.00

12.00 Comedy Connections The story behind prison-based sitcom Porridge, and a chance to discover which actor was originally earmarked for the part of Godber (C) (R) 12.30 GI Stephen Fry hosts a Christmas edition of the quiz, asking Sarah Millican, Phill Jupitus, Danny Baker and Alan Davies questions on the theme of jingle bells. (C) (R) 1.00 An Island Parish Shepher David Scott has a difficult decision to make about his pet sheep Persil, and Rev Gill Nicholls faces up to leaving the island for good. Last in the series. (C) (R) 1.30 FILM: Film TBA 3.00 Close

The Grinch (2000) A grouchy creature plots to ruin Christmas and seasonal goodwill for the Whoville town residents. Fantasy comedy, based on Dr Seuss'book, starring Jim Carrey and Taylor Momsen. (T)

ITV News and Weather (T)
Emmerdale Cameron takes
drastic steps to deal with his
hostage after a chase through
the woods, while Priya gives
David his Christmas gift — a
sking holiday, but they leave on
Boxing Day, (T)
Coronation Street It's going
to be a dramatic Christmas for
several of Weatherfield's best
known couples. (T)
You've Reen Framed! ITV News and Weather (T)

Several or weaterneries beat known couples. (1)

You've Been Framed!

Christmas Harry Hill narrates a festive selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage, including stumbling Santas, ungrafetul children, a dog that uses a Christmas tree as a toilet, and an unexpected shock from some fairly lights. (7) (R)

Coronation Street More Christmas Eve drama from TV's most famous street. (7) 8 00

8.30

9.00 The Spice Girls Story: Viva Forever! A brand new and offi-cial, prime-time documentary on The Spice Girls including interviews with five stars themse views with nive stars tremseives, plus their mothers, a host of celebrity pals, and more. It features behind the scenes footage of the infamous press call earlier this year, rehearsals and backstage footage of their performance in the The Olympics Closing Ceremony, and of course lots of sneak peaks of the new Snice Girls musical. Viva new Spice Girls musical, Viva Forever, and its development.(T) ITV News and Weather (T)

10 45 Christmas Carols on ITV (T) The Jonathan Ross Show The star-studded line-up to take you into the early hours of Christyou into the early hours of Christ-mas Day includes Michael McIn-tyre, Sienna Miller, Sheridan Smith, Charlotte Church, Lammo Oliver, Jonnie Peacock and West Midlands' own Paralympic gold medal-winning star Ellie Sim-monds. (T) (R)

ner stay alive, knowing they can never come into physical contact. (T) (R) 4.50 ITV

Hollyoaks Barney tells Rob nunyoaks sarrey tells Hob about his secret arrangement with Nana McQueen, unaware his admission has been overheard, and Brendan struggles to cope with his father's presence in the village. (T)

Ice Age: A Mammoth

Christmas Factive page off of

6.30 Christmas Festive spin-off of the animated films. Sid the sloth the animated films. Sid the sloth accidentally ruins one of Manny the mammoth's Christmas traditions, and is worried to discover he may be on Santa Claus's naughty list — so he heads to the North Pole in a bid to redeem himself. (T) (R)

The Snowman and the

Snowdog Animated sequel to Raymond Briggs' classic festive tale The Snowman. A boy's snowman and snowdog magically come to life at the stroke of midnight and take him on an adventure to the North Pole. where he and his new compan-ions meet an assortment of colourful characters, including Santa himself, before returning home. (T)

The Making of the Snowdog One of the most popular British animations ever made, The Snowman has become a fixture in the Christmas schedules. Yet the talent behind the phenomenon is reclusive. Now, 30 years after the film adaptation of his children's book, Raymond Briggs provides an insight into his life, talks about his inspiration and reveals why he has finally approved a sequel. The programme also meets the creative team behind the new film, many of whom played a key role in the original, and others from the literary world share their thoughts on why his work is successful. (I) The Making of the

Stephen Fry: Gadget Man Xmas Special The actor delves into the world of technol-8.30

8 Out of 10 Cats Panel show

hosted by Jimmy Carr. (T)

Peep Show Comedy about
two misfits with an unhealthy
reliance on one another. Robert
Webb and David Mitchell star. (T) 10.00

10.30 The Inbetweeners Carl organises a fashion show that Simon is eager to participate in. Will tries to shake off his embarrassing reputation, while Jay continues to lie about his sexual experiences. (T) (R)

11.05 The Inbetweeners Simon tries to impress a girl. (T) (R)

11.35 The Inbetweeners The gang

1.00 The Unforgettable Profiles of famous entertainers. (T) (R) 2.00 ITV Nightscreen 3.50 Pushing Daisles Anna Friel and Lee Pace star in the long-awaited hit US drama about pie-maker Ned, who can bring people back from the dead just by touching them, then send them to the afterfile with just another poke of his finger. He decides to use his power to solve crime, bringing murder victims back to life so they can name their killers — but things get complicated when he resuscitates his childhood sweetheart and decides to let her stay allwe, knowing they can never 2.10 The Inbetweeners Will is left home alone. (T) (R) 12.45 The Inbetweeners Sitcom about four teenagers growing up in suburbia. (T) (R) 1.10 The Inbetweeners Sitcom about four teenagers growing up in suburbia. (T) (R) 1.40 Rude Tube Special 2010 The most popular internet videos of all time. (T) (R) 2.45 Made in Chelsea Reality show following the social activities of a groun of a propule in their theyerise when all time. (1) (R) 2.45 Made in Chelsea Reality show following the social activities of a group of people in their twenties, who live in and around the most exclusive post-codes in London. (1) (R) 3.40 90210 Naomi receives a surprise visit from her sister Jen. (1) 4.20 Deal or No Deal Games show, with Noel Edmonds. (1) (R) 5.15 Countdown Word game with Alistair McGowan in Dictionary Corner. (1) (R)

Rolf's Animal Christmas Rolf Harris revisits some of the Rolf Harris revisits some of the most memorable stories of the year from Rolf's Animal Clinic, a year from Rolfs Animal Clinic, a series that saw animals of all shapes and sizes receiving vital shapes and sizes receiving vital and often life-sawing treatment. This festive special reveals how some of the patients fared after they returned home to their grateful owners following medical beginning and but have the control of the patients of the control of the co

Update (T)

A Right Royal 2012 A look at A Right Royal 2012 A look at now the royal armly has fared in the past year, with highlights including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which was celebrated by millions of people despite the rain. The low points saw the publication of revealing photographs of the Duchess of Cambridge in the foreign press, as well as a UK newspaper printing pictures of Prince Harry playing strip billiards in a hotel in Las Vegas. With contributions by ex-MP Ann Widdecombe, Diana, With contributions by ex-MP Ann Widdecombe, Diana, Princess of Wales's former private secretary Patrick private secretary Patrick Jephson, pageant master of the jubilee flotilla Adrian Evans, royal correspondent Robert Jobson and social historian Dominic Sandbrook; 5 News at 9 (T)

Eddie Stobart's Christmas
Cracker Festive edition of the
documentary following the
company's truckers as they face
one of their busiest times of the
year. A hospital in Cambridge
awaits the arrival of a huge
Christmas tree to raise patients'
spirits, while petrol forecourts
expect bumper fuel deliveries for
those facing long drives home. A
town in the north reasor of England
to their company and of the company's
charity Valetide single.

Tommy Cooper's Christmas A seasonal special from Eddie Stobart's Christmas

10.00 mas A seasonal special from 1973, featuring a generous helping of mirth, mayhem and magic from the comedian, who demonstrates how to cook a duck-egg omelette, plays snooker with a sand wedge and rides an ostrich. Joining Tommy are singers Clodagh Rodgers and Sacha Distel, who perform a medley of festive favourites.

11.05 The Plank (1967) Slapstick comedy, starring Eric Sykes and Tommy Cooper.

12.10 TBA 1.10 SuperCasino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chaft from the presenting team. 4.00 House Doctor A Victorian property in Camden, north London. (f) (f) 4.25 HouseBusters Life-enhancing changes to a home. (f) (R) 4.50 Great Artists Profile of Renaissance painter Tiziano Vecellio, known to English-speakers as Tittian, who pioneered the use of oils with a radical approach to light, colour and brush strokes, (f) (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge Michaela Strachan jets groomed by morikeys. (f) (R) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge Michael Strachan jets groomed by morkeys. (f) (R) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge Agamie Crawford is challenged to kiss a poison dart frog. (f) (R)

Late View

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The Choir: A Year with the Military Wives, 9pm

6.00 CBeebies 6.30 The Cow That Almost Missed Christmas Animation 6.00 CBeebies 6.30 The Cow That Almost Missed Christmas Animation retelling the nativity story from the viewpoint of a young cow. (c) [6] 7.00 CBBC 9.00 Attenborough's Egg Hunt David Attenborough's Arts Madagascar 50 years after his first visit. (c) [R] 10.00 Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special David Special Davi



Fun for Mrs Patmore in the **Downton Christmas special**

Downton Christmas special

5.30 TV Morning News (f) 6.00 CITV (f)

7.50 FILM: Socoby-Doo and the Alien
Invaders (2000) Animated adventure, with
the voice of Jeff Bennett. (f) HH 9.25 FILM:
Aladdin (1992) A street urchin happens
across a lamp, home to an affable genie
with the ability to grant wishes. Disney aniwith the adventure, with the voices of 160 at 6

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The Lord of the Rings, the journey begins, 5.35pm

6.40 FILM: The Rugrats Movie (1999) Ani mated adventure, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. (T) 7.55 Snowman (T) 8.00 Father Christmas Seasonal animation based on Raymond Briggs' book. (T) (R) 8.30 Little Wolf (T) (R) 9.00 The Simpsons 8.30 Little Wolf (T) (R) 9.00 The Simpsons The children are trapped in school. (T) (R) 9.30 The Simpsons A department store Santa grants Lisa's Christmas wish. (T) (R) 10.00 Gordon's Christmas Cookal 1.45 The Snowman and the Snowdog Animated sequel to classic festive tale The Snowman. (1) (R) 2.15 FILM: The Wizard of Oz (1939) A tornado whisks a girl off to a magical land where she embarks on a of uz (1939) A fornaco whisss a gin off to a magical land where she embarks on a journey in search of the wizard who knows the way home. Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland and Ray Bolger. (f) 4.15 Alternative Christmas Message Channel 4's annual alternative message. (f) 4.20 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner Noel Edmonds hosts a seasonal edition of the game show. (f) 5.20 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. (f) 5.25 Humel of the gings reflow. Members of the public reflect on religious issues. (f) 5.30 Lord of the Rings: Fellowship tof to 5.35 FLIM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. (f)



Rolf's Animal Christmas, revisiting the series at 6pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.25 TBA 9.30 Once 6.00 Milkshakel 9.25 TBA 9.30 Once Upon a Time The Evil Queen hires the Huntsman to kill Snow as his Storybrooke counterpart Sheriff Graham starts to remember his alternative life, (T) (R) 10.25 FILM: Gone with the Wind (1939) A plan-tation heiress has a turnultuous relation-ship with a roguish Southern gentleman during the American Civil War. Epic roman-tic drama, starring Vivien Leiph and Clark Gable. More than 1,400 actresses were interviewed for the coverted role of Scarlet Gable. More tinal 1,400 acresses when the interviewed for the coveted role of Scarlet O'Hara. The one actress whom all of Hollywood felt had the role (fincluding herself) was Paulette Goddard, live-in girlfriend of comedian Charlie Chaplin. When the press comedian Charlie Chaplin. When the press leaked the information they were "living in sin", Paulette was quickly dropped from consideration. 2.30 FLM: Trading Christmas (2011) Premiere. A lonely wiclow and a frustrated writer arrange to swap houses for Christmas, and both find themselves for Christmas, and both find themselves having unexpected romances. Comedy, with Faith Ford and Gil Bellows. (f) 4.15 FILM: The Santa Incident (2010) Premiere. Santa Claus is marooned in a small town and must prepare for Christmas without the resources of his North Pole workshop. Comedy, starring Greg Germann and Ione Skye. (T)

6.30

yuletide sparkle with a guest appearance. (C)

Call the Midwife Christmas Call the Midwife Christmas
Special The hit drama of the
year elburns for a one-off special
and what could be more
festive than the nuns finding an
ewborn baby on the steps of
the convent? The discovery
prompts the community to rally
round, providing food and clothing for the unexpected arrival.
But the question remains — who
is his mother and why did she
leave him there? Jessica Raine,
Miranda Hart, Pam Ferria an
Jenny Agutter star. (C)
EastEnders Derek plots to ruin

Fabrice Muamba, comics Bobby Pall and Katy Brand, actress Sheila Hancock, and presente Helen Skelton. Viewers favourites Ann Widdecombe and Russell Grant add a little extra

9.00

a flash of entrepreneurial inspira-tion Ricky Tomlinson, Sue John-ston, Caroline Aherne and Craig

11.00

On Christmas Night Para-lympic medal-winner Rachel Morris reads Christmas story. (C) 11.55

Top Gear Special Richard Harmond celebrates 50 years of James Bond films with a look back at the franchise's vehicles, including the Aston Martin DB5 and the Lotus Esprit. Richard also talks to silver-screen 0.07s Daniel Craig and Roger Moore, goes behind the scenes on the latest Bond adventure Skyfall, and attempts to turn a Lotus into a fully working submarine car (C) (R)

Dad's Army The vicar holds a Comforts for the Troops Fund bazaar at which Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for a highly prized orange. The private reveals a stubborn streak that costs the thick skinned captegian an arm and a leg. Christmas edition of the classic comedy originally shown 6.40

leg. Christmas edition of the classic comedy originally shown in 1976, starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender. Last in the series. (C) (R)

Blackadder's Christmas

Carol It is Christmas Fug 1850.

Blackadder's Christmas Carol It is Christmas Eve 1850, and the kindly Ebenezer Black-adder spends the festive season being taken advantage of by his relatives. When he is visited by the Spirit of Christmas, he gains an insight into the dastardly deeds of his ancestors. Comic reversal of the classic Dickens tale, starring Rowan Atkinson. (C) (R)

9.00 The Choir: A Year with the Military Wives In February 2011, Gareth Malone went to Royal Marines Base Chivenor in Royal Marines Base Chivenor in Devon to set up a choir for the woman whose partners were away on active duty for months at a time. In this film, he goes back to the small chapel where he started the singing group, with key members reflecting on an experience that was meant to culminate in a performance at the Royal Albert Hall — but which actually led to somethion which actually led to something

10.00 QI XL Jingle Bells Extended edition of the comedy panel game, in which the questions are so difficult points are awarded for the answers host Stephen Fry finds most interesting. (C)

finds most interesting. (C)

The Sarah Millican Television Programme Xmas 2012 The award-winning come-dienne hosts a special Christ-mas edition of her show, in which she delivers short stand-up rou-tines inspired by festive TV. (C)

The Christmas No 1 Story The battle for the chart-topping festive single has always been hard fought.(C) (R)

Emmerdale A special hour-long episode. Cameron heads to the woods to bury the body after his second killing. Alicia sees Priya wearing the bracelet and confronts David, while Edna dis-covers that she has been burgled. In a recent TV interview, Mark Charnock, who plays Marlon Dingle, explained that fans can expect a mix of comedy and drama in the show's festive edition. Charnock commented: "Our Christmas Day is a better this year. It's an absolute better. 6.00

"Our Christmas Day is a better this year. It's an absolute better. It's also got some very, very good comedy in it, particularly from Charlotte Bellamy who plays Laurel. "There's some really funny stuff, but the drama's shocking!" (1) "Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas The comedian follows the work of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London, meeting staff involved in treating, training and rehoming animals. An en-off special for the show which was a huge ratings winner when it ran through September and October. Paul, who is a fan of his furry friends, recently said." hate animal routly - it's just wrong and shows someone said. "I hate animal cruelty – it's just wrong and shows someone has no respect for life. We've got a responsibility to the animals we look after. I'm a member of Com-passion in World Farming, which campaigns to improve condi-tions for farm animals. It's dia-gusting the conditions in which these creatures are shipped from Ramsgate over to Europe. If I were to go and picket, I would probably get arrested." (I) Coronation Street Has Santa been kind to the cast of Weather-

Couples Retreat (2009)
Premiere. Comedy, starring
Vince Vaughn and Malin
Akerman. Four couples settle
into a tropical-island
resort.While one of the couples
is there to work on the mairriage, the others fail to realize
that participation in the resort's
particular brand of therays
sessions is not optional. (T) 1.30 Christmas Carols on ITV (T) (R) 2.30 ITV Nightscreen 3.30 Pushing Daisles Anna Friel and Lee Pace star in the long-awaited hit US drama about pie-maker Ned, who can bring people back from the dead just by touching them, then send them to the afteriffe with just another poke of his finger. He decides to use his power to solve crime, bringing murder victims back to life so they can name their killers—but things get complicated when he resuscitates his childhood sweetheart and decides to let her stay alive, knowing they can never come into physical contact. (T) (R) 4.30 ITV Nightscreen

Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special The host presents a festive edition of his talk show, joined by his househard for the night, McFly, who perform a medley of their greatshits. Chart toppers JLS join Alian on the sofa along with Dragons' Den star Hiliary Devey, who talks about her two new programmes for Channel 4. Actor David Walliams also drops to discuss new BBC family comedy Mr Slink, based on his children's book of the same name. Alian's father, Graham, had hoped Carr would be a footballer and manager, and his granddad had been a footballer and manager, and his granddad had been a footballer, so there was a sense of inevitability. In a recent interview the funnyman was asked fit was a macho family? "Yeah, definitely. And that was just my mother. Heehneheenheel" The be-spectacled comedian cackled. (1)
Friday Night Dinner Christmas Special The boys' other 9.00

Friday Night Dinner Christmas Special The boys' other grandma ruins Christmas when she joins the family at the table for Mum's turkey dinner, accompanied by her equally horrible dog. She has the cheek to bring along her own food, knowing her dughter-in-law's cooking is not up to scratch, and gets into a fight with popular Grandma, to everyone's shock. Meanwhile, other dubious festive delights for the clan include Jim turning up dressed as Santa, and Jonny giving Adam a joke present. (I) Rude Tube Christmas Special 2012 Series showcasing the most popular internet videos of all time, and interviewing some of the people who create them. Alex Zane presents the first Rude Tube Christmas special — a countdown of 50 Christmas themed clips. Some are plain funny, others will make you cringe (I') Channel 4's Greatest

10.30

are plain funny, others will make you cringe (T)

Channel 4's Greatest Comedy Moments If you haven't had your fill of great festive moments over on Five, this show takes a journey through the archive to serve up some vintage laughs. It's 30 years since the channel launched and in that time it has been responsible for some classics. From Comic Strip Presents and beyond, there's bound to be some gems. Expect to see memorable clips from such brilliant shows as Father Ted, Phoenix Nights, Max & Paddy and The inbetweeners to name but a few. (T) (R) 11 30

Sailing Series The conclusion of the 2011 season. (T)

6.00 Rolf's Animal Christmas Rolf Harris revisits some of the most memorable stories of the year from Rolf's Animal Clinic, a year from Rolf's Animal Clinic, a series that saw animals of all shapes and sizes receiving vital and often life-sawing treatment. This festive special reveals how some of the patients fared after they returned home to their grateful owners following medical attention at the University of Liverpool's School of Veterinary Science campus at Leahurst in Cheshire.

Eddie Stobart's Christmas

Cracker Festive edition of the

Cracker Festive edition of the documentary following the company's truckers as they face one of their busiest times of the year. A hospital in Cambridge awaits the arrival of a huge Christmas tree to raise patients' spirits, while petrol forecourts expect bumper fuel deliveries for expect bumper fuel deliveries for those facing long drives home. A town in the north east of England is due a consignment of reindeer for their annual parade and on top of all that, the drivers must hit the right note for the company's charity Yuletide single; 5 News Undate (T)

8.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks Trailers and Tinsel As fierce blizzards grind much of the UK to a halt, the Eddie Stobart drivers struggle to transport 500,000 Christmas trees to garden centres in time for the start of the yuletide season. Meanwhile, a trucker in Wales risks being hijacked to deliver children's toys to a major retailer, and the chilled foods team takes on the massive challenge of shipping six million turkeys to the nation's

butchers: 5 News at 9 (T) 9 00 **Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery** Festive edition of the documentary series, in which the company's truckers face one of company's truckers face one of their busiest times of the year. Battling harsh winter conditions, they set out to ensure shops around the country receive their supply of Christmas trees, salt is delivered to councils and supermarket shelves are stocked with plenty of products.

Greatest Christmas TV

Manuals Countrieurs of 50.

10.00 Moments Countdown of 50 festive crackers past and present, including classic soap moments, dramatic endings, sitcom specials, comedy sitcom specials, comedy sketches and light entertainment highlights that have made the television set the focus of the holiday season for decades. Expect to see the likes of Morecambe and Wise, EastEnders and Doctor Who.

and Doctor Will.

21.50 SuperCasino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spirs and lively chaft from the presenting team.

4.00 House Doctor A country cottage in Worcestershire, (1) (R) 4.25 HouseBusters Life-enhancing changes to a home. (1) (R) 4.50 Great Artists The life and work of Pieter Bruegel the Elder. (1) (R) 5.10 Michaela's Will Challenge Michaela Strachan travels to South Africa where she encounters a whale 500 times her size, and Ellie Harrison tries to photograph the inside of a hippopotamus's mouth. (1) (R) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge Ellie Harrison designs a bug detector. (1) (R) rison designs a bug detector. (T) (R)

Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly welcome seven former contestants and six seven former contestants and six Strictly newcomers to the dance floor to compete for the Christmas glitterball trophy, and singer Rod Stewart performs Let It Snow. Leading the line-up are 2008 and 2009 champions Tom Chambers and Chris Hollins, alongside series one winner Natasha Kaplinsky, while Kelly Brook, Rachel Stevens, Colin Jackson and Chelsee Healey also dust off their dancing shoes. Entering the ballroom for the first time are JLS singer Jonathan JB Gill, former footballer Fabrice Muamba, comics Bobby

Jenny Agutter star. (C)

EastEnders Derek plots to ruin

Max's Christmas festivities, and
when his plan falls into place, the
perfect day turns into a disaster.

A fun day at the Vic prompts

Roxy to tell Affie a secret. (C)

The Royle Family A new neighbour's cleavage is one of the many topics of conversation the many topics of conversation as the couch-potato clan gathers for another fun-filled Christmas Day. This year Barbara has gone overboard with the presents after spending an entire two hours in the pound shop, Joe next door has turned to the lonely hearts column, although his advert leaves a lot to be desired, and Dave has had alfash of entreveneurial inspira-

BBC News All the latest head

To be confirmed

12.15 TOTP2 Christmas 2012 (C) (R) 1.45 FILM: Film H 3.30 BBC News 3.30 Asia Business Report. News from the markets. 3.45 Sport Today. News and results from around the world 4.00 BBC News. 4.30 HAPOtalk. Stephen Sackur talks to people making the headlines. 5.00 BBC News. 5.30 World Business Report. The latest business news, with informed analysis. 5.45 BBC News. (C)

been kind to the cast of Weather-field? This is soap world, so what do you think! (T)

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11.00 ITV News and Weather (T)

11.15 Couples Retreat (2009)

1.30 FILM: Airplane! (1980) Spoof disaster movie, starring Robert Hays. (1) HHHH 3.00 David Blaine: What Is Magic? The illusionist performs amazing feats across America, impressing actor Orlando Bloom in New York, and seemingly catching a bullet in his mouth fired from a .22-calibre gun. (1) (R) 3.30 KOTV Boxing Weekly Henry Lundy v Raymundo Beltran. Action from the NABF Lightweight tile bout at the Resorts Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. (1) 3.55 International Volleyball A look back at the 2012 World League season, focusing on the teams aiming to make it through to the finals in Bulgaria. (1) 4.50 Extreme Salling Series The conclusion of the 2011

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12.00 FILM: Blades of Glory (2007) loe-skating comedy, starring Will Ferrell as part of an all-male ice-dancing couple. (c) Hth 1.35 Weatherview (C) 1.40 BBC News 1.40 ABC World News with Diane Sawyer. Global news reports. 2.00 BBC News. 2.30 Asia Business Report. News from the markets. 2.45 Sport Today, News and results from around the world. 3.00 BBC News. 3.30 Asia Business Report. News from the markets. 3.45 Sport Today, News and results from around the world. 4.00 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalkin, Stephen Sackur talks to people makin, stephen Sackur talks to people makin, stephen seskeport. The latest business news, with informed analysis, 5.45 BBC News. (C)

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Mia Wasikowska stars in Alice in Wonderland, 7.20pm

6.00 Breakfast Headlines and business news. (C) 9.00 TBA 10.35 FILM: Film TBA 12.10 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers Everyday cooking advice with the food writer. (C) (R) 12.40 BBC News (C) 12.55 Everyday cooking advice with the food writer. (C) (R) 12-40 BBC News (C) 12.55 Regional News; Weather. (C) 1.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out The duo embark on their first adventure, taking a trip to the moon when their cheese supplied run out. Battle withining an invalidation of the control of the co

Early



Sienna Miller is The Girl, based on the Tippi

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Hedren story
7.00 CBeebies 9.00 The Great Rift:
Africa's Wild Heart Exploring Africa's
Great Rift Valley, which stretches for 3,000
miles from the Red Sea to the mouth of the
Zambezi river and contains the world's
widest array of wildlife, (C)(R) 100.00 Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild David
Attenborough looks back over his filmmaking career, (C) (R) 11.00 Darcey
Bussell Dances Hollywood The former
Royal Ballet star celebrates classic dance Bussell Dances Hollywood The former Royal Ballet star celebrates classic dance musicals. (C) (R) 12.30 John Wilson on Broadway Uncut Extended version of the BBC Proms performance of Broadway classics. (C) 2.40 FLIM: An American in Paris (1951) A struggling American painter living in Paris is torn between the women — his wealthy patroness and an engaged Frenchwoman. Oscar-winning musical, with Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. (C) 4.30 Filial Score A mund-unc diths afternonis with Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. (c) 4.30 Final Score A round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Sociatian. (c) 5.30 FLLM: Miss Potter (2006) Victorian writer and illustrator Beatrix Potter falls in love while trying to find a publisher for her work. Biographical period drama, starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor. (C)



That Dog Can Dance . . .

Ashley and Pudsey
in action
5.30 ITV Morning News (1) 6.00 CITV (1)
9.25 FILM: The Railway Children (1970)
Three Edwardian children are forced to move 9.25 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) Three Edwardian children are forced to move from London to rural Yorkshire after their father is wrongfully imprisoned. Period family drama, with Jenny Agutter and Bernard Cribbins. (1) 11.25 Dinner Date Matchmaking show in which contestants choose three blind dates based entirely on menus created by five potential partners. (1) 12.20 TIV News and Weather (1) 12.30 FILM: Land of the Lost (2009) An eccentric scientist and his two friends are transported into another dimension inhabited by dinosaurs. Comedy adventure, starring Willi Ferral (Anna Friel and Darny McBride. (1) 1.55 Local News and Weather (1) 2.25 The Spice (Birs Story; Wwa Forever! (1) (R) 3.55 FILM: Toy Story 2 (1999) Cowboy doll Woody is stolen by an unscrupulous toy collector, who knows he is worth a forture as a collectible, prompting fearless Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear lolead a daring across-own mission to rescue him. However, Woody is tempted to spend his life languishing in the safety of a museum rather However, Woody is tempted to spend his life languishing in the safety of a museum rather than face the prospect of his owner growing up. Animated sequel, featuring the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack and Kelsey Grammer. (1) 3.59 Local Weather (1) 5.45 TV News and Weather (1)

Channel 4



James Howson stars in the classic **Wuthering Heights**

Wuthering Heights
6.10 The Hoobs Groove goes to a fancydress party, (1) (R) 9.35 The Hoobs Groove
feels down in the dumps. (1) (R) 7.00 Will 8.
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(R) 7.30 Asc in ominated from an afford in
(R) 7.30 Asc in ominated from a first of the factor of the fac successful poet with Lisa's help, and wins acclaim from a group of highbrow authors — but disappoints her by claiming all the credit for himself. (T) (R) 11.00 The Simpsons Homer is fired from the power plant and secures a job as an ice-cream man, but gets so wrapped up in his new career that he puts his prayriage in icenorativ. (T) (R) but gets so wrapped up in his new career that he puts his marriage in jecoardy, (T) (R) 11.30 FLIM: Horton Hears a Who! (2008) Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey. (T) HHH 1.15 Channel 4 Racing (T) 3.30 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner Noel Edmonds hosts a seasonal edition of the game show. (T) 4.30 FLIM: Edward Scissorhands (1990) Tim Burton's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. (T)

Dynamo features in TV's 50 Greatest

Channel 5

Magic Tricks
6.00 Milkshakel 9.45 TBA 9.50 Dallas
JR schemes to cut John Ross out of the
Southfork deal by undermining one of his
allies, while a blackmail threat leaves
Rebecca facing a dilemma. (T) (R) 10.45
Once Upon a Time Emma's hopes of
becoming sheriff are dashed when
Mayor Regina appoints Sidney Glass,
but then she receives an unexpected
offer of help from Mr Gold. (T) (R) 11.40
FILM: The Greatest Story Ever Told
(1965) The story of the life of Jesus, from
His birth to eventual betrayal by disciple
Judas Iscariot and His death by crucifixion. Biblical drama, with Max von Sydow
and David McCallum. 4.10 FILM: Will
You Merry Me? (2008) Premiere. A
Christian man and his Jewish fiancee
face a tense joint Christmas and
Hanukkah when their families meet for
the first time. Comedy, with Tommy
Lioutas and Vikki Krinsky. (T) Magic Tricks

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Mr Stink Family comedy based on the children's novel by David Walliams. Twelve-year-old Chloe has a lonely existence — her mother is too busy with her political ambitions to take any interest in her daughter, her-pecked dad is hiding a secret of his own and she cannot hope to compete with her 'perfect' younger sister — to say nothing of the nasty grifs who make her school life a misery. So when she meets a tramp in need of somewhere to stay, she invites him to hide out in her family guest than meets the eye. Downton Abbey's Hugh Bornerial stars, with Sheridam stabella Blake-Thomas, with an appearance from Britain's Got Talent winner Pudsey the dog. (C) 6 00

BBC News; Weather. (C) Midlands Today: Weather, (C)

Midlands Today; Weather. (C)
Alice in Wonderland (2010) Premiere. A 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical land, having forgotten her previous adventures. She finds the tyrannical Red Queen has begun a reign of terror that can only be ended by slaying the monstrous Jabberwocky — a task she is seemingly destined to perform. I'm Burton's fantasy adventure based on Lewis Carroll's novels, starring Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne Hathaway. (C) 7.20

9.00 EastEnders Derek's death has left a dark cloud over the Bran-nings, with Max insisting they check their stories before the police arrive. The atmosphere is strained between Alfie and Roxy. (C)

petween Alhe and Roxy. (C)
Miranda New series. The
comedy series returns with a
festive special that sees Penny
threatening to cancel the jokeshop owner's Christmas if she
can't manage to get her life in
order. (C)

Mrs. Promision Processing Series (C) 9.30

10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Having cast herself in the role of the Virgin Mary Agnes vows to make her retelling of the Nativity at the community centre unforgettable.

BBC News; Weather. (C)
The National Lottery
Wednesday Night Draws More fortunes are made. (C)

Match of the Day Including
highlights of Manchester United
v Newcastle United. (C) 11.00

12.30 FiLM: Point Break (1991) Thriller, with Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. (C) HHH 2.30 Weatherview (O 2.35 BBC News 2.35 Asia Business Report. News from the markets. 2.45 Sport Today, News and results from around the world. 3.00 BBC News. 3.30 Asia Business Report. News from the markets. 3.45 Sport Today. News and results from around the world. 4.00 BBC News. 4.30 HARDtalk. Stephen Sarkur talks to people making the beaff. 4.00 BBC News. 4.30 Im Included Cooperations of the head-lines. 5.00 BBC News. 5.30 World Business Report. The latest business news with informed analysis. 5.45 BBC News

Are You Being Served? A classic British comedy still a hot today set in a department store. Young Mr Grace instructs everyone to wear fancy dress in the run-up to Christmas, turning the departments into fain-tale grottos. Festive edition of the department store comedy from 1975. With a top rate cast including Hardel Beneft. John Inuda. 7 00

ing Harold Bennett, John Inman, Wendy Richard, Frank Thornton and Mollie Sugden. (C) (R) Morecambe & Wise: Song 7.30 Dance Sketches More azy clowning from the oh so lented Eric and Ernie One to et the recorder for. (C) (R)

8.30 Blackpool: Big Night Out Drama and true life social stories Drama and true life social stories from the party resort of the north west coast. (C)

west coast. (C)

The Girl Toby Jones and
Sienna Miller star in this one-off
drama based on the story
of director Alfred Hitchcock's
obsession with Tippi Hedren,
leading lady of his 1963 thriller
The Birds. The film-maker was
at the height of his fame when he
chose the Scandinavian fashion
model to star in his latest thriller,
sculpting her into the perfect
blonde of his imagniation.
But before long, he became 9.30 But before long, he became determined to win her love, a pursuit that would end in failure. Imelda Staunton and Penelope Wilton co-star. (C)

11.00 Rebecca (1940) Romantic drama based on the novel by Daphne Du Maurier, with excel-lent performances by Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. When a naive young woman marries a rich widower and marries a rich widower and settles into his gigantic mansion, she finds the memory of the first wife maintaining a grip on her husband and the servants and especially the sinister housekepper Directed by the legendary master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock, this deservedly won two Oscars.(b/w) (C)

1.05 Paul Merton Looks at Alfred Hitch-cock The comedian analyses Hitchcock's classic British films, examining how these moody features — including The Lodger and Blackmail — provided the foundations for his rise to prominence as Hollwood's

for his rise to prominence as Hollywood's 'master of suspense'. Featuring rare archive footage of the film-maker and interviews with those who worked with him. (C) (R) 2.05 TBA 3.35 Close

6.00 Central Tonight; followed by

Weather, (1)

All Star Family Fortunes
Game show, hosted by Vernon
Kay, Well-Known faces team up
with their relatives and try to
guess the answers to surveys of
100 people in a bid to reach the
final round, in which they can
in up to £30,000 for a charity of
their choice, (1)

Emmerdale
Long-running
sagn set amid the rolling scenery. 6.00

7 00 soap set amid the rolling scenery of the Yorkshire Dales. (T)

Coronation Street Weather-

7.30 field's families digest the fallout from another eventful Christmas

That Dog Can Dance! Simon That Dog Can Dancel Simon Cowell has always said he wanted a dancing dog act to win Britain's Got Talent, and this year it happened, with Ashleigh Butter and her poot Pudsey triumphing in the competition. Now, he's bringing this one-off entertainment show to TIV1, in which five twinklet-rode contestants and their talented pets hope to impress Ashlein's and calebritic impress Ashlein's and calebritic migness. impress Ashleigh and celebrity co-judges Sharon Osbourne and Bill Bailey. The hopefuls are bat-tling for the chance to perform at Crufts 2013. Christine Bleakley

nosts. (T) hosts. (T)

Dale's Great Getaway A

fun-filled game show, hosted by

Dale Winton, in which three families compete in a series of

bonkers challenges from around

the globe for the chance to win

three very different prizes (T) 9.00

10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather (T)

The Holiday (2006) Two single women living on oppo-site sides of the Atlantic agree to exchange houses over the Christmas holidays. over the Christmas holidays, In their new surroundings, both women unexpectedly encounter prospective part-ners, but as the house swap draws to a close, difficult decisions have to be made about their blossoming leat-tionships. Romantic cornedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Jude Winslet, Jack Black Jude Winslet Search Search Jude Winslet Search Search Jude Winslet Winslet Search Jude Winslet Winsle Law and Eli Wallach, (T) HH

10.30 Local News and Weather

Hollyoaks More from the Cheshire-based soap. Jacqui learns the full extent of Rhyss infidelity. Darren and Nancy struggle with their parenting woes, and Paul Browning plots to get Mercedes back in favour with the McQueens. (I) Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. (I) 4thought.tv Short films in which members of the public from all walks of spiritual life share their thoughts on religious and ethical issues, and reflect on 6.30

7.00

7.05

beliefs. (T)

Lord of the Rings: Two

Towers Intro Setting up the
night's big movie, the cast and
crew talk about Peter Jackson's
mammoth undertaking to adapt

Tolkien's famous works (T) 7.10

6.00 Rolf's Animal Clinic Docu

7.00

and ethical issues, and reflect or events that have tested their

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) Frodo and Sam continue their quest to and Sam continue their quest to destroy the all-powerful ring, bringing them face to face with the region of the the r

10.45 Wuthering Heights (2011) Wuthering Heights (2011)
Another remake of the Emily
Bronte novel. Premiere A Yorkshire lill farmer takes pity on a
homeless boy, and brings him
back to his remote estate on the
moors. The new arrival and the
moors. The new arrival and the
more's daughter develop a
obsessive bond as they grow
up, but he is ultimately cast out
by her brother. He returns years
later, seeking to be reunited with
his lost love and to avenge
himself on her family. An innovative 21st century take on the
classic story, starring James
Howson and Kaya Scodelario.
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six million turkeys to the nation's butchers; (R) 5 News Update (T) World's Biggest Pets Documentary about large animals romping through homes and neighbourhoods, including the world's talliest dog Giant George — who is the height of two average golden retrievers and weighs as much as 35 Yorkshire terriers. A man from Texas has devoted his life to his pet bison, which is the same size as a small armily car, and a reptile fanatic from Newcastle shows off her Burmese python, which is capable of swallowing a human whole; 5 News at 9 (T)
TV's 50 Greatest Magic 8 00

Tricks TV illusionists have been sawing ladies in half, catching bullets between their teeth, reading minds and performing feats of escapology for decades. Channel 5 counts down the best, including the extensions extensi chainer's counts down the best, including the astonishing set-pieces of Penn and Teller, the mind-bending of Derren Brown and the street magic of David Blaine. It features spectacular Blaine. It features spectacular illusions, such as making the Statue of Liberty disappear, intimate card tricks and the lighter side of the business, thanks to the inclusion of comedy great Tommy Cooper. Paul Daniels and new kid on the block Dynamo also appear in this magic compendium, with contributions from Joe Pasquale, Dick and Dom, and Stephen Mulherr

11.50 To be confirmed

12.45 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special With McFly, JLS, David Walliams and Hilary Devey, (T) (R) 1.45 FLM: Airplane II: The Sequel (1982) Disaster novie spoof sequel, with Robert Hays. (T) H13.25 The Good Wife The team defends a girl accused of murder at summer camp five years previously, after the discovery that DNA evidence was mishandled by the crime lab. Matthew Perry quest stars. (T) 4.00 90210 Adrianna takes Dixon to hospital after he collapses. (T) 4.40 Extreme Sailing Series Action from the international series. (T) 5.10 Deal or No Deal Another contestant hopes to win big money by guessing the value of numbered boxes — while the mysterious barriers to make a deal. Noel Edmonds presents. 12.45 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Chris Tarrant invites another line-up of contestants to answer questions that could change their lives — with lifelines Ask the Audience, Phone a Friend and 50— 50 available to them if they get stuck. (T) (R)
1.45 FILM: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) Action comedy, starring Clint East wood. (T) HHH 3.50 ITV Nightscreen Text based information service

12.50 SuperCasino Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively othat from the presenting team. 4.00 House Doctor Kitchens and dining rooms. (1) (R) 4.25 HouseBusters Life-enhancing changes to a home. (1) (R) 4.50 Great Artists The life of El Greco, one of the most distinctive painters of the 16th century, whose work paved the way for the baroque and provided the inspiration for 20th-century expressionism. (1) (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge Ellie Harrison tries to out-climb an antelope. (1) (R) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge Michaela Strachan tries to find out the age of an ele-Strachan tries to find out the age of an ele-phant. (T) (R)

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The Coach House, Hatherton Park, is also within easy reach of Cannock town centre and local and national transport networks.

The property is in a secluded position on a substantial plot of land just under an acre with a separate barn and bungalow described by the agents as ideal for a potential annexe. tial annexe.

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The charming and well proportioned accommodation offers many period features and comprises of three reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, utility, guest WC, gallery landing, four double bedrooms and family hethroom

bathroom. Forming part of the cottage is "The Coach House" which offers versatile and extensive accommodation ideal for development which could create further bedrooms and down-

could create further bedrooms and down-stairs living space.

The property is part double glazed and has oil fired central heating, extensive walled private gardens with gravelled driveway pro-viding ample parking.

The agents says that viewing is imperative to appreciate the location and potential of the home.

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THERE will always be a market for huge, load and people carrying vehicles.

If we think back a few years it used to be the ubiquitous Volvo estate car that was the vehicle of choice by antique dealers, furniture restorers and people who needed to move huge amounts of kit and equipment.

Now entering the market place is Skoda with the Superb, and they really have capitalised on this particular market. If your family or business needs a vehicle capable of moving huge amounts of equipment or people or both, the Superb has to feature highly. It has a huge 595 litres of space in the boot and believe me that is a serious amount of space; if you drop the seats that increases to a staggering 1700 litres.

Rear passengers will be over the moon with the amount of room. I am convinced I could put a washing machine or a spin dryer on the floor behind the driver's seat, such is the huge space aspect of the Superb.

The Superb looks quite an attractive vehicle, yes it is big, but that is what it is designed to be. As with all Skodas there are a wide choice of engine derivatives. Petrol choices vary from a diminutive 1.4 litre up to a huge V6 3.6-litre 4 x 4 option. If diesel is the one that does it for you then the Superb is available starting with a 1.6-litre TDi producing 105 bhp which was the unif fitted to

the one that does it for you then the Superb is available starting with a 1.6-litre TDi producing 105 bhp which was the unit fitted to my test car and then there are a variable number of 2-litre TDi's with various power outputs and also a 4 x 4 option.

Being Skoda you expect value for money as well as a well built and engineered vehicle and the Superb did not disappoint. The Elegance Green line that I had the option of testing is a well equipped vehicle for its £24,390 recommended price. It had 16° alloy wheels, leather covered steering wheel with multi-functions which included contents. with multi-functions which included con-

trols for the radio, telephone and sound system, which is always useful. The front seats were electrically operated and have a very useful feature of a memory button, one of those items that you wonder how you ever managed without once you have become used to it. The front seats were also heated. The vehicle has a stop/start system to both lower the CO and increase the fuel per gallon, a feature of the Green Line derivative. The 1.6-litre turbo charged diesel engine is allegedly producing in the region of 105 bhp which considering the size of the vehicle was more than adequate for all conditions and driving situations. A 5-speed manual box was a delight to operate. Skoda claim a top speed of 119 mph and they suggest a 0 – 60 gallop can be achieved in marginally over 12 ½ seconds. The feature that is impressive however is that Skoda that is impressive however is that Skoda claims a combined figure of 64.2 mpg.

Terrain

To my astonishment in a week of varied terrain driving in Somerset including motorways, big dual carriageways and twisty roads, the computer told me that I had actually achieved 60.2 mpg, a fabulous result for a vehicle of this size. The low CO figure of 114 gm/kgs means a nil rated first year excise duty and then a mere £30 in the second year. The vehicle never felt daunting or large to actually drive, yes you needed to be a little careful when you park.

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The Superb range available is quite extensive, they start with an S, which is the entry level vehicle, but again the level of specification even on an S is quite high, with alloy wheels,, air con and an 8-speaker sound system, an alarm is also incorporated, so the basic entry vehicle is quite good. The specifications increase with an SE, SE Plus, and the transmitted in the specification was the Bleggrape. top specification was the Elegance.

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child seat into their cars, according to research.

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The survey also discovered that more than three in five parents (61) per cent) are unaware that there are different types of car seat available for different kinds of cars.

This lack of awareness could be particularly problematic because installing the wrong type of seat into any vehicle could significantly compromise its safety.

A third of those who answered the survey were also unaware that the safest kind of seat for a baby up to 13kg is a rearward-facing one.

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These can be mounted on most new cars' outer rear or front passenger seats, although the front passenger airbag should always be deactivated if that seat is used. One in 10 mums and dads choose a car seat based solely on price rather than choosing a specific fit or function appropriate to their car.

car. Alfa Romeo and Mamas & Papas have compiled a checklist for parents of young children detailing how to choose the car seat that's right for them, and it also offers advice on how to install a car seat correctly.

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Reginald Of Cannock.

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm Reginald\ passed\ away\ at\ his}\\ {\rm home\ on\ December\ 13,\ 2012,}\\ {\rm aged\ 92\ years.} \end{array}$

Walter will be sadly missed by all his Family.

The Funeral Service will take place at Bushbury Crematorium on Thursday, December 27, 2012, at 11am.

Family flowers only, donations will be gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer.

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Brother Eric, Mavis and Family.

WHITEHOUSE

Pauline Anne

Beloved Wife of Selwyn, sadly passed away on December 10, aged 70 years.

Her Funeral Service will be held at St Luke's Church, Cannock, on Friday, December 28, at 2.30pm, followed by Cre-mation at Bushbury West Chapel.

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WILLIS

Mary Elizabeth

Of Cannock

passed away peacefully on December 15, 2012, at the remarkable age of 96 years.

Now reunited with Tom, she was the beloved Mother of Norma and a much loved Nan to Julia and Gemma.

Her Funeral Service will take place at St Saviour's Church, Hatherton on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 2pm, follow-ing the Service Mary will be laid to rest at Cannock Cemetery with Tom.

Flowers would be welcome or donations for the County Air Ambulance would be appreciated and may be sent

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DAWSON

Of Great Wyrley, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his Family on December 13, 2012, aged 83 years.

He was the beloved Husband of Kathleen and a much loved Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather.

His Funeral Service will take place at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 11am.

Following the Service Ken will be laid to rest at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

Flowers would be welcome. All further inquiries to

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HINTON Patricia Kate

Formerly of Hednesford, suddenly passed away on December 12, 2012, aged 69 years.

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SAMBROOK

George Beeston

Beloved Husband of May, passed away peacefully at Stafford General Hospital, on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, aged 85 years.

The Funeral Service will take place at St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley, on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 11.15am

Followed by the Committal at Stafford Crematorium at 12.30pm.

The Family would like it to be known that all who knew George are welcome to attend.

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Chris

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Approximately 98 metres north of its junction with Bank Street.

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be viewed at: www.statrordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders If you wish to object to the proposals you should send the grounds for your objection in writing, indicating the locations to the undersigned not later than 10 January 2013 quoting reference HoCPS/TMV TR 59/12. Catherine Raines, Deputy Chile Executive & Director for Place, Highways, 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP

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Lantern blazing as Aaron arrows in

GOALS by John Freeman, Aaron Arrowsmith and Ash Lawley saw Magic Lantern beat Rugeley United 3-1 and go top of the Cannock Chase Premier League in

Chase Premier League in their first season.
Yates' 4-1 win over St Matthews moved them up three places to fifth. Steve Jones and a Tom Green's hat-trick bagged the points.
Fourth-placed Hawkins Inex beat Division Two leaders Bridge 2-1. Cheslyn Hay Athletic beat The Ascot 4-1 with goals from Graham

Hay Athletic beat The Ascot
4-1 with goals from Graham
Roberts (2), Adam Edwards
and an own goal. Mary Rose
beat Victoria 3-0. Matt
Barnett, Ash Norman and
Mitch Carpenter scored.
Unbeaten Division
Three side Royal Exchange
went joint top after beating
Winding Wheel 5-3. Joe
Titley hit two with a goal
each for Ryan Roberts, Luke
Woodhall and Rich Adams.
Railway fought back from

Woodhall and Rich Adams.
Railway fought back from
a goal down to beat Lamb &
Flag 3-2, Andy Highman hit
two and Nick Pilditch the
late winner.

Double

Freemans went goal crazy, beating Lea Hall United 9-1. Both Ross Male and Sean Talbot collected hat-tricks, with Matty Higgins, Dom Noble and Ash Warrilow adding one each. Trafalgar came from a goal down to beat Yew Tree 2-1 and climb to fourth Azz Evans and to fourth. Azz Evans and Ben Burdett got the goals.

Ben Burdett got the goals.

A first-half goal from Huw
Lewis and a double for
Matty Ansell put Cannock
Social on the way to a 3-1
Division Four victory over
the leaders Brinsford. The
Castle went third by beating
Essington 5-3. Reiss Joyce
grabbed two goals with Sam
Gent and Joe Cartrwright
also scoring. Third-placed
Hazel Slade beat Woody's
2-0 with a goal from Gary
Longdon and a fine free-kick
from Luke Woodward.
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House dented Jubilee's Division Five hopes by beating
them 3-1. Liam Martin, Olly
Wootton and man of the
match Elliott Richards all
scored. Second-placed
Bridgtown Social are three
points behind with two
games in hand after beating
The Cow 6-2.
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White Hart went third by beating Prairie Farm 6-2 with a Jake West's hat-trick and goals from James Black-lee (2) and Steve Witton. Pied Piper beat Nags Head 7-0 with a Dan Stevens' hat-trick and goals from Phil Hardware, Chris Stiles and Dave Brazier (2).

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Leaders toppled as barren spell ended

BURNTWOOD ended a barren spell by toppling Midlands Three West (North) leaders Newcastle at he Sportsway. The sides shared six tries but the

The sides shared six tries but the hosts just about deserved to win. With Elliot Tomlinson, Mark Thomas and Craig Seedhouse back in the starting line-up, they had a stronger side than in recent weeks but the visitors had a better start.

A penalty from 30 metres fell short and, with two more awards, short and, with two more awards, they chose to drive and then kick to the corner. They won the line-out and moved the ball swiftly down their backs for a try and a five-point lead on eight minutes.

Burntwood 20 Newcastle 17

Aza Dune't had a penalty at the restart, but a crosswind was difficult for both teams' kickers and his effort was left of target. Another kick five minutes later hit an upright and the rebound cleared.

upright and the rebound cleared. The hosts got a foothold in New-castle territory through forwards picking and driving into the 22.

The first threat ended in a knock-on but on 24 minutes Mark Poole drove close to the line which let skipper Ian Jones gather and stretch over the line to level.

With half an hour gone Newcas-

tle possession was turned over and Craig Prosser featured twice in a move concluding in a slick pass from Hal Gozukucuk for Lloyd Shelley to burst over for a try.

Home forwards continued to drive and recycle possession at pace and Burntwood went further ahead on 38 minutes as their efforts were eventually rewarded with a Dune't penalty goal.

Right on half-time the visitors had two chances to cut arrears but a drop goal attempt was wide and a penalty attempt badly scuffed.

Four minutes into the second period Burntwood seemed to have settled the result with a third try. Forwards did the spadework before Gozukucuk fed Ben Holt to speed in under the posts. A Dune't conversion made it 20-5. Newcastle, however, showed why they went into the match as league leaders by dominating the next 20 minutes, forcing the hosts to defend deep. Pressure told after 63 minutes as a penalty for 63 minutes as a penalty for obstruction was kicked to the right corner. Newcastle won possession to move the ball wide for a try near the posts. The conversion failed.

Dune't's penalty attempt across

the wind drifted left of the posts and the match was in the balance going into the last 10 minutes.

A determined attack, involving forwards and backs, took play to the home five-metre line as Newcastle worked an overlap for a try wide right. The conversion cut the deficit to three points.

Awarded a penalty on halfway, Burntwood chose to run the clock down with a final drive by for-

down with a final drive by forwards. They retained possession right up to the try line where Gozukucuk's dive came up just short but the final whistle sounded to leave Burntwood with a morale boosting win after a tough month

Victories at double for young fighters

TWO boxers from the Rug-eley Police Boys Club are cel-ebrating double victories. Myles Basford and Steve

Smith won two fights each in shows at Stoke-on-Trent, writes Jonathon Byrne.

urites Jonathon Byrne.
Smith ground out a points
win over T Holder from Bedworth's Capital Boxins
Club. The taller Holder
proved a tough opponent,
but Smith was clever in
choosing to box on the
inside, giving him the edge
during their exchanges over
three hard-fought rounds.
Basford squared up to
James Taylor, from Buxton
ABC, and boxed brilliantly.

James Taylor, from Buxton ABC, and boxed brilliantly. His fast hands and lightning combinations were too much for Taylor and won him a majority decision.

On the second show, Basford beat Lee Proffitt, of Beartown ABC, Leek. On the opening bell Basford ran across the ring and landed a cracking right hand. Pinpoint punching for three rounds secured him the win. Smith fought a top-of-the-bill contest with home-town favourite John Mountford, of Meir ABC. Smith opened with some heavy shots, but Mountford responded and had some success.

With both men roared on

With both men roared on With both men roared on by their supporters, it was the extra crispness of Smith's work which gave him a majority win. Two other Rugeley repre-sentatives, Reiss Joyce and James Astall, had their first fights and were outpointed.



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Lauren takes national title in first ABA fight

LAUREN JOHNSON has taken a female ABA national title to Walsall Wood Amateur Boxing Club with a stunning opening-round stop-page in Cannock – her first competitive fight.

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The Wolverhampton fighter made it to Sunday's final without a fight through a series of byes at 75kg in Class C, for girls who have had up to five bouts.

The 26-year-old painter and decorator made the short journey to Cannock Chase High School to face the undefeated Natalie McGauclin, of High Wycombe ABC.

She was blown out of the water by a damaging series of assaults from the opening

by Craig Birch

(Exhall) lost to Adelaide Baker (Downend) pts. Class 4: Samantha Brown (Launceston) pts, Sophie Colbourne (North Mersey) bt Beth Bowden (Clowes) lost

(Kingston) lost to Cilvia Orchard (Jaunceston) pts, Sophie Colbourne (North Mersey) bt Beth Bowden (North Mersey) bt Mersey bt



Lauren Johnson, left, exchanges shots with Natalie McGauclin in the ABA women's final at Cannock



Victoria Morgan, left, of Lions ABC, Dudley, tries to slip a shot past the high guard of Army fighter Nikita Sivera. Morgan, 29, lost a close contest on a points decision.



A happy Johnson displays the victor's spoils

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water by a damaging series of assaults from the opening bell. McGauclin tried to trade and came off worse as her exposed chin was punished time and again, forcing an early standing count. She was allowed to continue but failed to cover up and was pummelled again, with the referee stepping in to call an end to the fight. Victory inside the first minute was a superb result for the novice combatant, who only took up the sport earlier this year. Results, Saturday, Class 1: Millie for the novice combatant, who only took up the sport earlier this year. Results, Saturday, Class 1: Millie Novill (Hall Saints) beat Cody Bynes (Heart of Portsmouth) points, Shaund (Weston-otgon Wang) to Fourthey Swanton (Phoenix Fire) lost to Ivy_Jane Smith (Dakmead) ref stopped contest, Millicent Hansen (Grimsby) by Shanay Bennett (fiel Arris) pts. Isoland (Field Saints) (Faversham) pts. Ebony Jones Heart of Portsmouth) bit Emma Dolan (Attleborough) pts, Abbie Batse (Bursleim) lost to Niamh McGuckin (Berinsheid) pts, Chioe Law (Sturminster Newton) res. Shona Whitwell (St Ives) bt Delcie Boyle (Brentwood Youth) pts. Class 3: Jade Clayton (Ernic Oxers) the Standard Barkowska (Hornchurch) pts, Lauren Hall Order Now on:

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Gavin Saunders went close with a low shot

Football

will fill up festivities HEDNESFORD TOWN face

five crucial matches in the space of 15 days over the Christmas and New Year

Green Heath go wild and hit six

FOURTH DIVISION Green Heath thrashed third divi-sion Rugeley Rangers 6-0 in round two of the Cannock Charity Cup. Rob Meacham and Ben Pugh both got doubles and there was a goal each for Tom Pugh and Aaron Evans.

Division Three leaders TNT were knocked out 5-2 by fifth division Athletico

Bridge.
Trailing 1-0, the Bridge fought back with Tom Roger Hinks scoring a hat-trick, his brother Andy adding one and Stuart Stanley also on

he scoresheet.

League action - Page 55

Plenty of action for Scholars but no win

CHASETOWN'S last home league game before Christmas had a bit of everything, but ultimately resulted in a home defeat, writes Paul Mullins.

Despite the away side being reduced to 10 men in the second half, Chasetown were still unable to bag any points from the Northern Premier Division One South clash.

One South clash.

On 19 minutes, Chase midfielder Gavin Saunders timed his run to beat the offside trap but his low shot had the sting taken out of it by defender Michael Nottingham and visiting keeper Gary Hateley got down well to

Chasetown 3 Gresley 4

save. Within a minute, Gresley took the lead. Following a goalmouth scramble, Ryan Walker netted from close range. A minute later the Derbyshire side were 2-0 to the good. Gareth Langford was given space outside the Chasetown penalty area and drilled a shot straight down the middle of the goal.

Chasetown fought back and Danny Smith had a great opportunity to reduce the arrears as he broke clear. Hateley had to be at his best to keep out his drilled shot at the near post.

his drilled shot at the near post.

Gresley's Phil Massingham hit the base of the post nine minutes before half-time but it did not take them long after the interval to increase their advantage. After a defensive mix-up, the ball came back off the post and fell to Jordan Nadat, who fired home.

to Jordan Nadat, who fired home. Winger Simon Brown, in his first start for two months, came close when he spotted Hateley off his line and tried his luck from a wide angle, only for the keeper to scurry back and palm the ball over the bar.

In the 61st minute Scholars leading scorer Nick Wellecomme fed the ball

into Smith, who rounded the keeper and side-footed home, netting his 50th league goal for Chasetown. Thy received a further boost in the

69th minute when Nottingham received a straight red card for a foul from behind.

from behind.

Eight minutes from time, substitute
Theo Robinson mishit a shot straight
across the six-yard box where Smith
poached his second goal.

In stoppage time, Gresley substitute
Marc Godfellow made it 4-2. Then
Wellecomme notched his 11th goal of
the season.

the season.

Rugeley win sees Reed get two tries

Rugeley 17 Cannock 12
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RugeLEY welcomed Cannock to the inaugural day at St Augustine's Field, Rugeley, for two rugby union matches.

A select team from Rugeley, captained by young scrum-half Cei Griffin, beat Cannock second team 17-12 but the visitors gained revenge with a 12-10 success in a light-hearted over-35s match.

Rugeley soaked up some early pressure then began to dominate in the scrum.

Ten minutes into the game, Scott Reed scored for the home side with a 50-metre burst and Adam Grocott converted.

Cannock was not happy at this and came right back at Rugeley putting the home side on the back foot.

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But just before half-time Reed broke free to score his second try and Grocott again added the extras.

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Cannock scored a converted try early in the second period as the visitors' pack brought their experience to bear. A second try left them just two points behind with 10 minutes to play.
But Rugeley landed a late penalty to ease their worries and take the win.
Rugeley seconds travelled to Brinsford and came away 38-7 winners.

Welsh dragon

Burntwood Dragons Reds U13 6
Penkridge Juniors U13 1
THE home side went one
down after two minutes but
goals from Jamie Welsh (2)
and man of the match Connor Grant put them 3-1 up at
half time. After the break
Aaron Beale hit two and
Welsh got his hat-trick.

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TE GOAL DEN MEN TOP SPOT

Frickley Athletic 2 Hednesford Town 1 HEDNESFORD TOWN fell to a surprising defeat against Frickley Athletic as they chased the top spot in the Evo-Stik Northern

Premier Division.
The Pitmen were going all out for the winner that would have left them ahead of North Ferriby United only to be caught on the counter-attack, writes Chris Brewerton.

Manager Rob Smith had switched the formation to a

space of 15 days over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Pitmen are just one point adrift of Evo-Stik Northern Premier Division pacesetters North Ferriby United and have two games in hand.

Three of their five seasonal matches are at home.

On Saturday, Hednesford host Blyth Spartans before making the short trip to Stafford for a Boxing Day derby against Rangers.

Saturday, December 29 sees them on the road to Buxton before another derby clash on New Year's Day, this time at home to Rushall Olympic.

The fixtures glut is completed by a home clash with Chorley on Saturday, January 5.

Over the same period, North Ferriby entertain Fylde, Blyth Spartans and Kendal Town mixed in will yourneys to Frickley Athletic and Eastwood Town.

Off the pitch, Hednesford Town FC Supporters Association stage their annual quiz on Saturday, January 5 after the game against Chorley.

The quiz starts at 7pm. switched the formation to a more attacking 4-3-3 with 19 minutes remaining and his team in the ascendancy. But a superb run and finish by Gavin Allott, who powered past John Disney to rifled a shot into the corner, dashed Hednesford's hopes. To make matters worse, goalkeeper Dan Crane was sent off in the closing minutes.

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A poor opening half-hour from both sides failed to spark the game into action with Allott coming closest as he chipped the ball over Crane but saw his attempt roll wide on 14 minutes.
The deadline was broken on 29 minutes when Luke Hinsley cut inside from the left and hit a shot which was clearly going wide only to take a wicked deflection off Ben Bailey and leave Crane rooted to the spot.
The goal sparked Hednesford into life and a measured cross by Elliott Durrell to the back post found Aaron Rey in space, but the striker

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lashed his shot over the bar on 36 minutes.

The equaliser came two minutes later when Frickley goalkeeper Tom Woodhead misjudged the flight of Durrell's cross from a freekick and let the ball meekly slip through his hands.

Woodhead failed to hold another free-kick from Durrell after 45 minutes, Francino Francis blazing the rebound over the bar.

The Pitmen had the ball in the net after 60 minutes when Rey turned superbly and curled a shot over Woodhead that rebounded off the

and curled a shot over Woodhead that rebounded off the post and into the path of Sean O'Connor.

But the striker was flagged offside after Dave MacPherson had bundled the ball into the net.

Allott settled the contest with 10 minutes to go and Hednesford's frustrating afternoon was compounded when Crane advanced out of his goal and, as the last man, felled Allott and saw red.



Elliott Durrell's free-kick finds the net to put Hednesford on level terms at Frickley Athletic. Picture: Colin Rogers

Liam the star in Rangers' romp

Burntwood Dragons U9 0 Rugeley Rangers U9 5
AN EXCELLENT performance from Liam O'Neill helped
Rangers to a comfortable win. Declan Hopwood opened the
scoring after fine work from winger O'Neill. Alfie Gladwin
made it two and O'Neill scored with a fierce strike. Gladwin
got another in the second half and Joe Holmes hit the fifth.

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Christmas and New Year Opening Times

1 Market Hall Street, Cannock Centre 01543 462554

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st 7 am-5 pm Saturday 22nd 7 am-6 pm Sunday 23rd 10 am-4 pm Christmas Eve 7 am-5 pm Christmas Day & Boxing Day CLOSED

Thursday 27th-Saturday 29th 9 am-5 pm Sunday 30th 10 am-4 pm New Year's Eve 7 am-5 pm New Year's Day CLOSED Wednesday 2nd January 9 am-5 pm

